It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.....

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REACT No4 SEPT'86 "FIGHT BACK" 5

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Animals can't protest- they rely oN YOU instead

when are you going to do something about it ?

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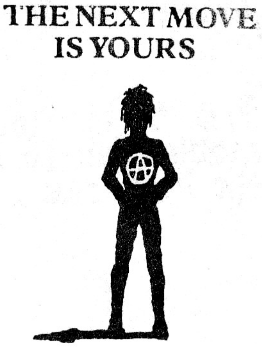

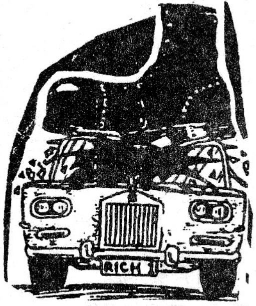

Hello!

"REACT" No.4 finally gets completed, its out late as usual but this time it has less to do with laziness and more to do with lots of hassles in various forms. Thanks to those of you who have written about previous issues, I hope this one is as good if not better ? I'm not sure yet when(or even if) there will be another issue but its a safe bet it'll be at least six months if I do another one.

Lets try and make our dreams a reality...if we try hard enough we can win, pile on the pressure and it will happen. Here's to a brighter tomorrow!

EQUALITY.HOPE.PEACE.FREEDOM.ACTION. JOHN Ⓐ

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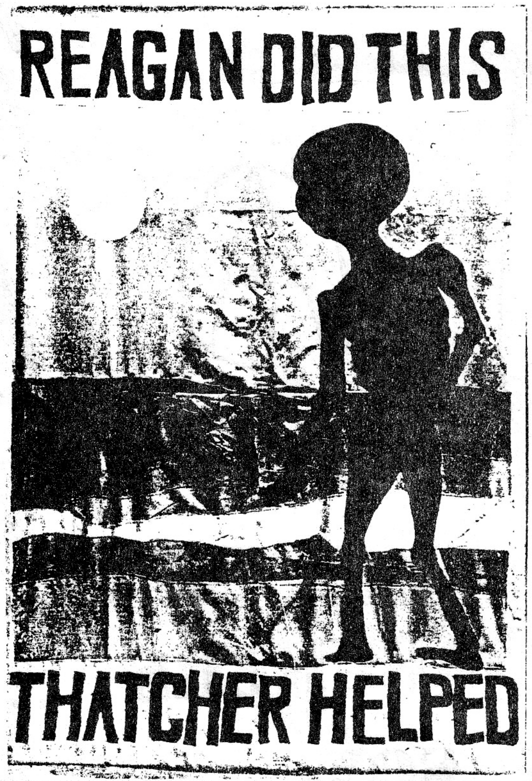
"When the missionaries first came to Africa they had the bible and we had the land. They said "Let us Pray"; we closed our eyes When we opened them we had the bible and they had the land."
Bishop Desmond Tu Tu

Reagan's Administration said at the United Nations in 1982 "Food aid is our most powerful weapon."



CHILDREN: In the Bible God tells us certain things we should not do. When you hear about them in Sunday school or at school, remember God does not say these things because He wants to stop you having fun. He loves you and knows what is best for you. — Editor.

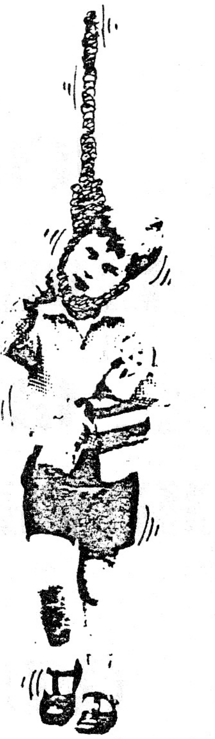
SO NOW YOU KNOW!

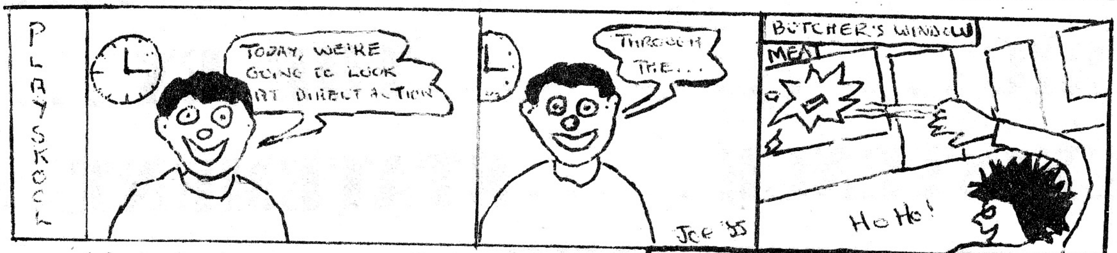
THE GREAT ONLY APPEAR GREAT BECAUSE WE ARE ON OUR KNEES...LET US RISE! Ⓐ

I'LL SWOP YOU MY BEST MARBLE FOR P.C. BLAKELOCK'S HEAD.

CLASS WAR HAMPTON COURT? HAVE ANOTHER FAG MARGARET!

CLASS WAR TAKES PRINCE WILLY TO THE SWINGS.





That cartoon was drawn by JOE who used to do a zine called "Aural Nightmares", he's now at work on a new zine called "Hyena" and also a vegan cookbook so if you want more info then write to:- JOE/59 MIDDLETON STREET/BLYTH/ NORTHUMBERLAND/NE24 2LS

Deadly snack

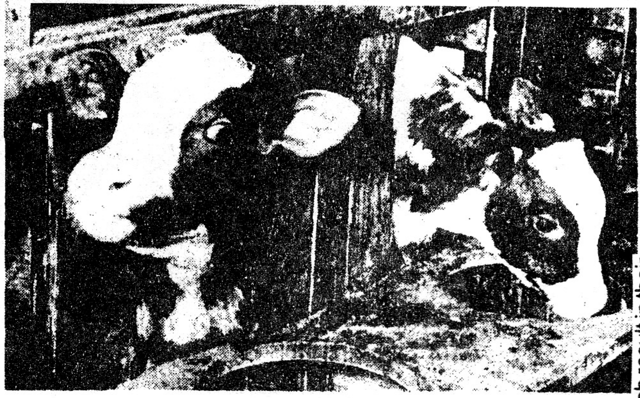
A BUILDING worker who ate four bags of crispy deep-fried locusts as a snack has died of insecticide poisoning, police in Bangkok.

HA! HA! HA!

WHO'S MILK IS IT ANYWAY?

The following article was written by NICOLA, many thanks for it and for everything else -John.

The animals show unmistakeable signs of pain, frustration and exhaustion.



Above and below: The cruel white-veal crate is still in use in Britain. Calves stop in them all their lives, unable to turn round, exercise or groom themselves.

Often the calves are kept in darkness except at feeding times.

The floors of the crates are made of wooden slats which result in their leg joints becoming malformed. Many are unable to stand properly or to walk when taken out of the crates for slaughter.

Taken from their mothers when only a few days old, the calves are imprisoned in 24" wide wooden crates, so narrow that they are unable to turn around. They live in these crates day and night, only being allowed to put their heads through the front of the crates at feeding times.

Veal ......

......£1.20 per lb

Chickens ....41p per lb
5lb Chicken 1/4s £2.50
3lb Chicken Thighs £1.26
5lb Chicken Breast
Chicken Livers

ONE MILLION CHICKENS KILLED FOR FOOD IN THE UK EVERY DAY.

VEGAN CURRY

Ingrediants:-

2 medium onions
1oz vegetable oil
1 dessert spoon curry powder
1 dessert spoon flour
1 banana (mashed)
1 apple (grated)
1 clove of garlic
1 tomatoe (chopped)
½ pint vegetable stock
2oz TVP (unflavoured)
1 teaspoon soya sauce
black pepper

1) Bring TVP(soya meat) to boil in plenty of water - strain. Add soya sauce and then lightly fry in a little oil (put aside)
2) Heat oil add chopped onions, curry and flour cook gently for 5mins. then add garlic and stock.
3) Bring to boil, add banana, apple, tomatoe and TVP. - simmer for about ½ hour serve with rice or vegetables.

NOT VEGAN ADDITIVES

104,120,124,132,153 - colouring
270 - preservative.
322,325-7 - antioxidants
405,422,470-5,477,480-3 - emulsifiers, stabilisers and thickeners (milk fat and animal oils)

THINK ABOUT IT.....

Eat without the suffering of our fellow beings

A daily pint of milk is based on a principle of cruelty and inhumanity. The calf is taken from its mother shortly after birth, causing anguish and distress to both, so that human(e?) beings may steal the milk which was unquestionably meant for the calf.

COOL FRESH MILK
VEAL

Water is withheld so that the thirsty calves drink more of the milk substitute gruel and thus increase their liveweight gain.

WHO'S MILK IS IT ANYWAY?

Drinking cow's milk contributes to animal slaughter. Constant births are brought on by artificial insemination, higher milk yields (for profit) are induced by special feeds and antibiotics. The calf is then invariably slaughtered for veal, the stomach of a newly-born calf contains rennet which is used in cheese.

Veal ....£1.20 per lb

calves going to a slaughterhouse because people can't be bothered to give up drinking milk.

EVERY HOUR, 1800 CATTLE ARE STABBED, BLED OUT, DISEMBOWELED AND FLAYED.

Ready for the Butcher

Everyone in the world could be fed if a switch was made to a completely vegan diet. Britain could be self-sufficient if grazing lands were used to grow vegetables and grains which were then fed directly to humans instead of being diverted to animals. Since dairy farming is almost as inefficient a way of using land as beef farming the switch must be complete if it is to be effective.

Vegetarianism is NOT enough. Even if factory farming were to be abolished male calves would still have to be slaughtered to maintain the dairy industry. Similarly, in order to get laying hens there have to be fertile eggs and all the male chicks will have to be killed. Thus while free-range hens don't have to endure the battery system, eating any kind of eggs still contributes to animal slaughter.

Try a vegan diet and help in the fight to end animal suffering and exploitation. For more information contact:-

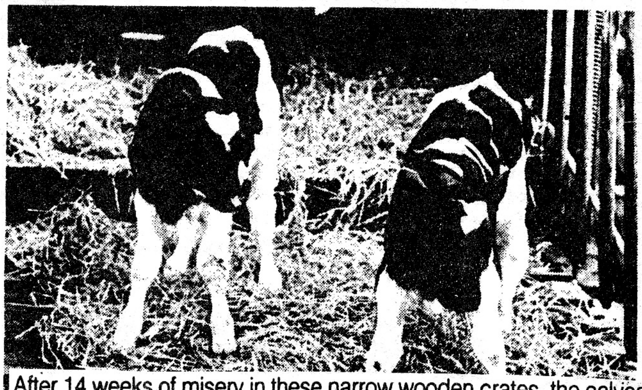
The Vegan Society Ltd.
33/35 George Street
OXFORD
OX1 2AY (SAE for info)

FACT:- On average vegetarians and meat-eaters(bastards) consume an excessive amount of dairy produce thereby clogging up their arteries with saturated fat(Ha!)

TURN VEGAN! TOGETHER WE CAN COMBAT THE HORRORS OF THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE.

PUT CALVES 🥛ST

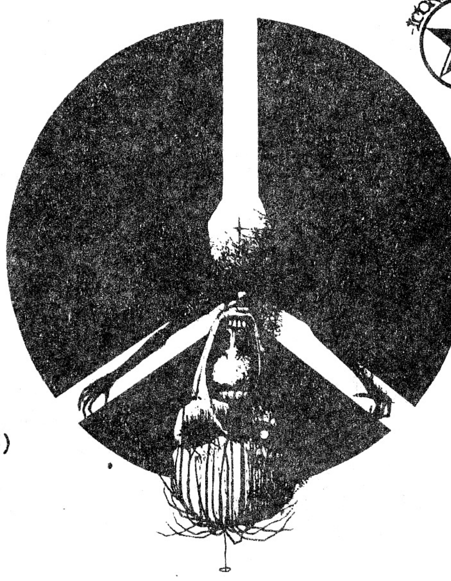
Below: These unwanted products of the dairy industry are exported live in gruelling conditions.



After 14 weeks of misery in these narrow wooden crates, the calves are taken, sometimes over long distances, to the slaughterhouse, or, very often, they are exported live in gruelling conditions.

ICONS OF FILTH

With the release of the "Not On Her Majesty's Service" tape (Mortarhate) ICONS OF FILTH became one of my favourite bands (indeed, the tape still gets played once a week, on average, cos I think its great!). Their vinyl releases have never had the same appeal to me though, with only the LP "Onward Christian Soldiers" (Mortarhate) being in the "played regularly" catagory, their other releases, to date, are "Used.Abused.Unamused" EP (Corpus Christi)? "Brain Death" EP and "The Filth & The Fury" EP (both on Mortarhate) The latter two are in a noisier, less tuneful style which doesn't much appeal to my personal tastes. Moaning about the music aside however they are still an excellent band who have lots to say...many thanks to STIG for replying and for taking the time to give proper answers to the questions. (There should be a new ICONS OF FILTH LP out now)


(ICONS OF FILTH
INTERVIEW APR.'86)

A brief history please for those who don't know much about Icons Of Filth

Icons have been around for 5 years now. Firstly building up some local reaction in South Wales before striking up a good relationship with CONFLICT in 1982 which enabled us to gig on a more widespread fashion thus we got some good feedback from confronting new and larger audiences with our way of doing things. These days we tend to gig solo for the sake of our own band's identity, to avoid the pathetic situation of being saddled with the moronic label of a "Conflict-band" or something similarly shitty. Three of the original four band members are still involved though the continuing saga of chopping and changing bassists has restricted us immensely over the years as concerns gigs and delayed recording releases.

What led to the change in sound between earlier stuff like the LP (which I prefer) to the more recent stuff like "Braindeath" and "Filth & The Fury" (which everyone else seems to prefer!)?

I know we've tended to have gotten faster and less tune-ful than we once were, at least that's the way I view it. (that's how I view it too -John.) I guess we're much happier with the present sound which we altered purposely to get a much more angry feel to our material.

I know that we're more concerned about our own happiness with our songs than what the listeners may or may not be. Not that we don't care what people think, it's just important first & foremost to be happy with our presentation ourselves and then hope others can also get from it what is important to them. We're not in the business of pleasing others cuz it's obvious that you'll never please all the people all the time so it's dead pointless following that wasteful path. I know that we feel real flattered that people seem to like what we do, judging from our mail at least cuz we don't get much bad mail, maybe it'd be better if we did so that we get to hear more than one kind of feedback.

Seeing as we've never set out to actually please anyone with what we do, we're well surprised and indeed satisfied with the results so far.

How many of the band are vegetarian ? What influenced your decision to stop eating meat ? Do you have any views on the use of animals by the dairy industry ?

All of us are at least vegetarian, with one vegan. We used to have a couple of vegans in our midst, though band line-up changes have put paid to that. Of the vegetarians (including me) we have made efforts to take things futher in so much as we border between vegetarian & vegan. It's all a question of how far you wish to take things. The main influences of our non-meat eating habits were human starvation and how we could help to eventually stop it even though we live miles away from where real starvation exists on a large scale. Also that we have seen that you don't have to eat meat to survive therefore animal slaughter is pathetic, futile, ignor-ant and greedy. Hopefully you can enlarge upon the link between meat eating and the crops thus wasted and human starvation in this or a future edition of your zine in more space than what I've got (plus writers cramp is a problem today as I've been left to answer all the mail lately) I hope your readers appreciate this!! Enclosed is a leaflet explaining the veggie-diet in more adequate words than what I could muster..Please print!!

(See next issue of "REACT" - John)

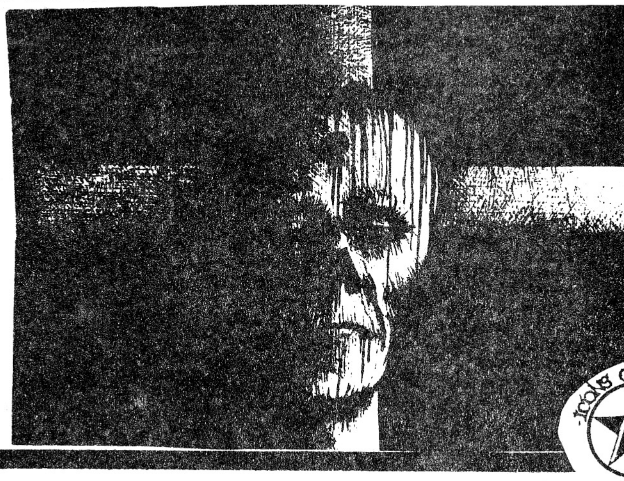
LOOK IF IT'S REALLY OUR MOVEMENT TAKE PART OR GET OUT BECAUSE IT'S YOUR PATHETIC DISHONESTY PUNK CAN DO WITHOUT. WE'VE GOT A FIGHT ON OUR HANDS & YOU'RE JUST IN THE WAY.

The Home Office released figures that showed a 29% increase in the number of reported rapes in 1985; as Anarchists what do you think should be done with rapists ?

Well, for a start I think organised lynch mobs going around chopping rapists dicks off is a non-starter. Indeed, and quite naturally, I view rape as the ultimate crime against living beings -along with torture- though I suppose in the end I view rape as a form of torture so its the same thing cuz it's a joint effort of abuse of mind and body, which the subject will never forget nor completely recover from. This is why I look upon it as a greater crime than murder because its something you have to continue to live with.

People seem to want to dish out the same crappy degrading behavior upon the persecutors thus becoming persecutors themselves, making themselves the same non-thinking lunatics as the rapist himself. Seems that people would rather conduct retribution than sort out the root of the problem itself.

We are all guilty of the problem of rape as we all seem to want to perpetuate sexual roles and attitudes which are the problems themselves. The feeling I get is that power - both physical and mental - is the main reason for it. Males are brought up to believe that this is what being a man is all about and if they don't feel they have enough power at their disposal in their personal lives, some of these males will go out and demand it in this such fashion. So much pressure is thrust upon males to disrespect women as their "lessers" and to see them as only useful in the sex area or as general slaves to males in everyday life. So much pressu-re is put upon females to please men as well so the problem is a dual one. This is projected at us daily in the popular press with never ending smutty stories and tits rather than those responsible putting over worthwile views. Until we all refuse to play this game and teach our children to respect other people's bodies and minds the problem will always exist. We must all face facts and refuse to be manipulated in this respect and be responsible adults aware that how we act will affect impressionable children and the way they see things. It's all a question of responsible education and there is very little of this in the present schooling system of separate standards and values, and separate development for males and females. The schooling system is the root of almost all the shit that exists. I think all guilty rapists should be made to see and understand what their actions have caused, by, if possible, meeting the victims and being made fully aware of the deep suffering he has caused.



Religion plays a big part in the mind fucking process
We are all subjected to from an early age. Is it not
Convenient that the christian morality suits so marriage
Like the requirements of the state? These ethics are
Forced upon us at school. We are given no time to
Question. And by the time we reach a stage where we are
Quite capable of knowing perfectly well what we want, we
Already firmly believe we want what we are told. This
Indoctrination thus leaves us in later life with lessened
Self belief and self determination. Surely it is time
Enough for us all to question our own thoughts and
Actions and decide for ourselves what we think is right
Or wrong? . . . Individually.

How would you define sexism ? What are your views on it ?

I think I've managed to deal with this question to some extent in my previous answer. The definition of sexism speaks for itself. It's the wanton derogatory remarks or thoughts directed at the opposite sex simply because of that persons' sex. I have no outstanding views on the subject other to what any other libertarian would have. My self-rules are simple,to treat beings as equal as I can, given all the conditioning I've received throughout my younger years,as I'm sure we all have. Though I must add that some of this conditioning still exists within myself as lifelong mental conditioning is hard to shake off completely. Yes,I think women's bodies are marvellous and I don't get the same feelings from men's bodies. Perhaps that's the result of sexual conditioning within most of us. I'm not afraid to state that I like women's bodies,I suppose it's when you put women down over it that the problems of sexism begin.

Why,do you think,more people are oppossed to fox-hunting than to angling ?

Because,like rats,fish aren't generally seen to be "pretty" by the majority - it always helps if the oppressed subject is "cute" if it is in anyway to have its chances of survival enhanced. A pathetic state of affairs,I know,but that's just the way things stand.

What are your views on racism ?

Racism is foundless in my eyes and racists have no argument that couldn't be made a nonsense of in two minutes flat. I don't think I'd like to glorify the subject by giving it anymore space than I already have,plus I'd only be stating the obvious anyway

What are your views on drug-use ?

A very personal one this!! I'd much rather see things in perspective than "get away from it all" using substances which have no place in my life,I feel no need for hallucinatory drugs nor the more subtle stuff like marijuana. Though if I ever wanted it I suppose it would be my own business and nobody elses. The more dangerous stuff like heroin have obvious consequences and anybody who sets down that path is either a bloody fool or is very insecure and needs his or her real friends very quickly indeed.

God is a measure of our own insecurity
God is used as an incentive for us to kill
To protect governments own security
Security of their wealth and power and legalised crime
The myth of god keeps us all in line

What's the idea behind your,sometimes bizzare,artwork ?

I wasn't aware that it was bizzare,though it's certainly different. The idea is to use as many spearheads as we can to put things over. We understand that artwork still has alot to say and lots of folk can manage to draw some sort of idea of what we are trying to say with the drawings. Sometimes it's more effective than the written word. It's encouraging to hear that people actually look at the drawing for a long time,scan the detail,draw their own conclusions,then write back to us saying what they think - not always do they get the drift what we meant when submitting the drawing but it's important to us that people get from our releases what is important to them,even though it may not be what we originally intended to put across. It's gratifying to know that people actually take time out to stop and think about how and why we do these things. With lyrics it's always obvious what we are saying,but with art-work I think we've left it to you to draw your own conclusions.

You've been fairly critical of "Punk"...do you think part of the reason for its decline could've been cos bands with positive views began to disassociate themselves from Punk as things got worse ?

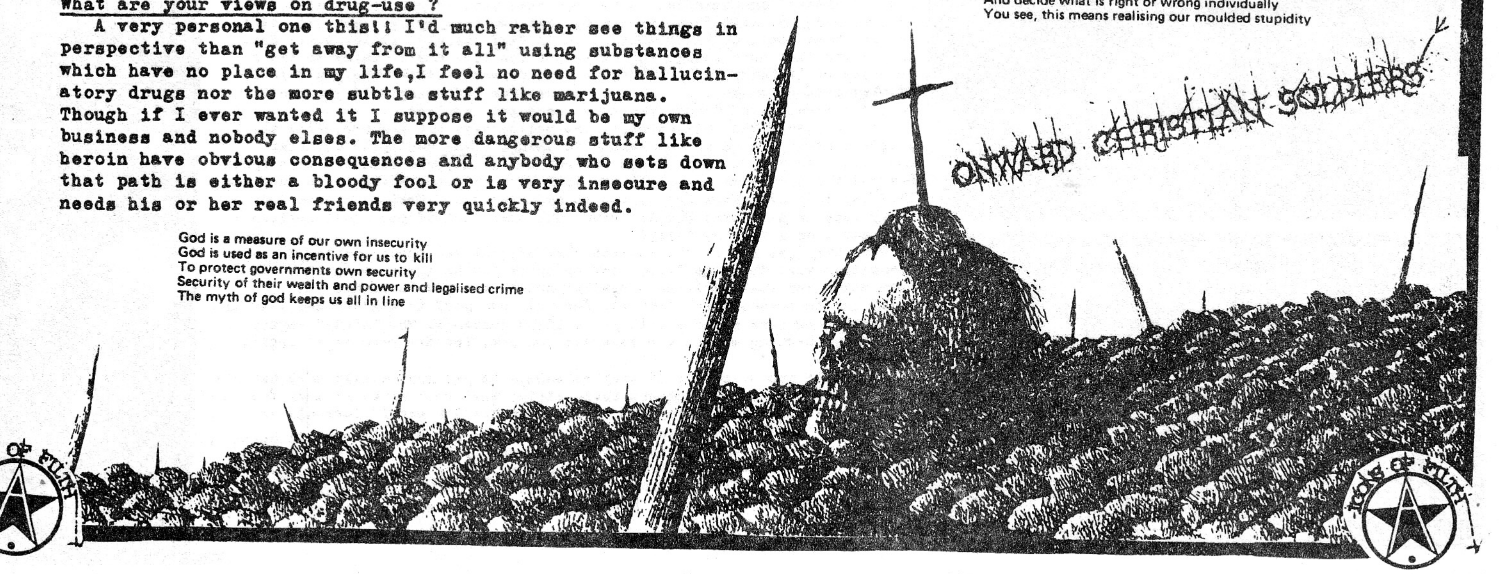
Personally we haven't disassociated ourselves from it. We feel very much a part of it which is why we've chosen to stand up and be counted within the "movement",if you like. We've said what we've said because we care about it.

What are your feelings on the use of violence in direct action ? What are your views on "Class War" ?

Only as a form - the last form - of self-defence. As with "Class War",I think it would be realistic assume that different people will react in many different ways to certain situations that may exist. Different people have differing levels of tolerance and ways to vent their intolerance.

God is a measure of our own insecurity
We want life after death
We are so afraid that we may be 'alone'
And that the responsibility of past, present and future
Lies with us alone

Well, it does. And accept it we must
We must let our minds be free
And decide what is right or wrong individually
You see, this means realising our moulded stupidity



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ICONS OF FILTH
THE FILTH & THE FURY

What are your feelings on nuclear power ? Are you concerned with other environmental issues ?

I'm concerned about this earth very much indeed cuz it's my birthright and my children's birthright and I despise anyone who puts it's well-being in jepordy for they have no right and must be stopped. I feel much affinity with organisations like Greenpeace and Friends Of The Earth.

You're obviously against vivisection;do you think it can ever be justified ? What are your views on the A.L.F. ?

Only if by killing one rat you could eradicate cancer and wipe it off the face of the earth for good. But I don't think it's right that animals should have to pay time and time again for things they have nothing to do with,we should learn to solve our own problems for ourselves and pile all our thoughts down the channel of alternative medicine and experimentation. I reckon we've already proved that animal experimentation is nothing but a farce,very little has been achieved through 200 years of this shit and millions upon millions of lives have been wasted because of this shit.

Unfortunately the powers that be remain ignorant for reasons based solely on money,which is where people like the A.L.F. come into play. To liberate animals which pose no threat to human safety due to whatever form of experimentation they have been subjected to,and to cause as much uncomfortability as possible for those sicko's involved and to cause damage to their theatres of pain and to the property they have gained through such sour means. Plus of course the excellent way they have of bringing to the public attention the atrocities of vivisection through their good work. Of course,you don't have to be in any way affiliated to the A.L.F. to be able to do your bit. Just don't do anything you're not sure of,thus decreasing your chances of getting caught.

You have strong feelings on alot of subjects,how do you think the changes you want can be brought about ?

Only by keeping on saying what we feel to as many people as we can reach. Also by creating as many alternatives as possible to the options open to us by those in control and slowly but gradually eating at their supremacy with our alternatives and our direct actions which,on a larger,more intense scale will take much effect in due course. Also by refusing to lead the robotic insane lifestyles we are suppossed to lead to be "normal". It's all a question of looking at things in a totally new and different perspective,self revolution of your own mind and the actions that follow this new and different way of thinking. Old habits die hard,it may be true,but nothing spreads faster than the truth. These two forces continually clash in people's minds,what I'm interested in is helping them clash more often in peoples minds,and watch things gradually change.

DIRECT ACTION & DEALING WITH OUR"PROTECTORS"!

'I saw a girl pushed to the ground by the surging crowd. I saw a policeman kick her three times in the head.'
(STUDENT)

'They behaved like animals.'
(SENIOR LAW LECTURER)

'I spent seven years in Mexico and the police there can wade in a bit . . . it seemed more like that than the British police that one likes to think of.'
(PRIEST, watching from nearby church)

At the protests I've been involved in one thing that struck me (apart from truncheons!) is how disorganised and how scared of the police we are. At one demo 150 demonstrators hung around waiting for someone to tell them what to do - meanwhile the police presence grew from 12 to close on 50.... when the time to move came we had a few scuffles but were kept from stopping the meeting we were oppossing. We should,with an advantage of 3-1, have been easily capable of both stopping the meeting and ensuring that our friends were not arrested (if three pigs trying to arrest someone were surrounded by protestors they could easily be "persuaded" to let them go).

We have to learn from our mistakes and develop new tactics. The police have too easy a time of it,if they were nazis out of uniform attacking your friends you wouldn't stand and watch would you ? So why let them beat and arrest people just because they're in uniform ? It would seem that to many people "organisation" is a dirty word,but Anarchy isn't about chaos - if we are to suceed we must organise and we must work together.

At things like Hunt Balls,N.F. Meetings etc. where it is usually a good idea to be prepared for trouble it could be a good tactic to meet somewhere quiet not too close to the meeting,send a "straight" type round to check the policing,entrances,number of people there etc. and then to decide what you should do. If you want to get inside the building then hit it early before the police have time to get large numbers of men there. Once you've done what you planned - get out ! By this time there will probably be large numbers of angry hunters/nazis etc. and lots of SPG arriving...stick together,protect each other and get out of the area...if you do it right the police won't get anyone to arrest and the meeting will have been stopped.

Like with direct action it is unwise to boast about what you did cos there's always going to be someone who'll grass you up and the police are good at extracting names/info once they have you. If you do get nicked cos of something you said then try saying that you were lying...you said it to impress them etc. (An alibi would come in VERY useful). If the worst does happen and they have enough to charge you for then don't listen to their promises of leniency for grassing on your friends...think how you'd feel if they grassed on you...there's no excuse for informing - if you can't face the prospect of doing time then don't get involved.

In many cases the only evidence the police have had has come from the people they've picked up confessing to things,NEVER own up to anything they can't do you for (it sounds obvious but it happens time and time again) Most of the time when they tell you they have evidence against you they are bluffing,they need your confession to send you down. Obviously each and every case is different but its often the case that if you don't confess they can't do a fucking thing!

When they get you in the station they'll push you about and try to demoralise you. Then the "nice" copper tells you he agrees with alot of your ideas and that he doesn't really want to see you in trouble etc. He'll try to persuade you that its for your own good to confess and that if you give them some names you'll get a light sentence. The "nasty" copper will keep shouting at you and threaten you etc. the two work together,its psychology.

Its up to you to decide if they've enough to get you on...if they haven't then stick to your story,ignore their claims that your mates have grassed on you,if your story/alibi are good enough then there's really fuck-all to worry about. They'll tell you they don't believe you,they'll use all sorts of methods to get you to crack but it is possible to get off. (It will NOT be easy - people have admitted to crimes they didn't commit because of police pressure but if the choice is a few days (AT MOST) hassles in the police station or a couple of YEARS inside prison then its advisable to try and stick it out.

PUNX PICNIC

(Many thanks to DEEK of OI POLLOI for the following article)

HEY PUNX !
A BUNCH OF WILD ANARCHOFOLK AT LAST YEAR'S EVENT

Last year, for the 1st time, Edinburgh's Princes Street Gardewns became the venue for two wild "Punx Picnics" as several hundred punx and anarchopeople from all over Scotland and the north of England arrived to eat, drink and be merry in the midst of Mother Nature's beauty-while the gardens resounded with the sweet sounds of ANTISECT and DISORDER blaring out of ghetto-blastens. New friends were made, laughs were had, zines and demo tapes were traded and, despite the attempts of the boys in blue to spoil things, a good time was had by all. As a result of the success of these days we are now proud to announce this year's Edinburgh International Punx Gathering on June 21st 1986. In addition to the picnic we are planning a gig in the evening to be followed by parties into the early hours of the morning. Accomodation should also be available for many so you've no excuse for non-attendance! This will be a day of communication and celebration of life so please give it your support. Spread the word! See you there!

IT'S PICNIC TIME AGAIN !

"MERRYDOWN + SALAD ROLLS IN HAND THEY COME FROM ALL ACROSS THE LAND!"

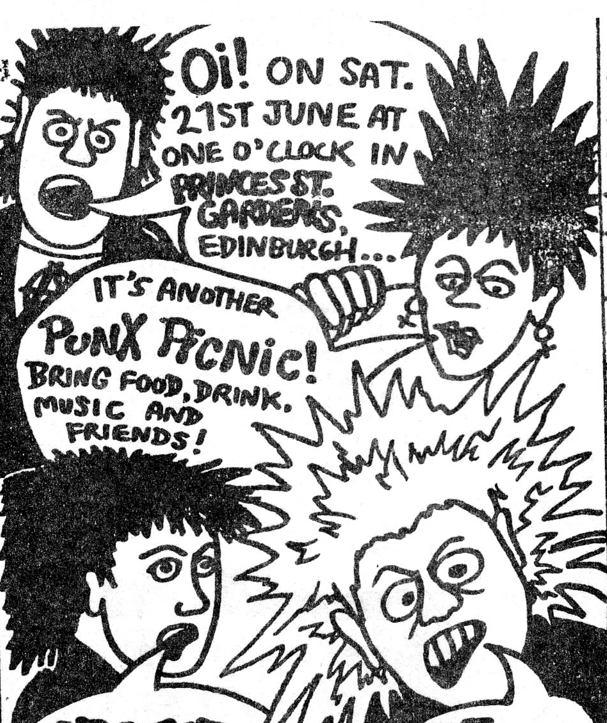
JUNE '86 EDINBURGH PUNX PICNIC

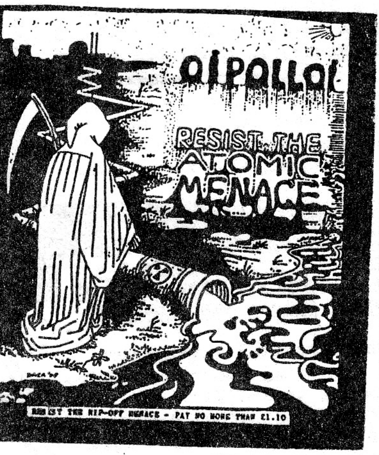
Well, June 21st turned out to be a beautiful day here in Edinburgh which is just as well since the town centre's Princes Street Gardens had to play host to a staggering 500 punx and other assorted anarcho-folk. Yes, the turnout was quite amazing with folk from all over Scotland, from London, Newcastle and Crewe - and even some from New Zealand, America and Australia - ace!! Punx lay around in the sun chatting, drinking cider and trading zines & demo tapes while the air was filled with the sounds of ICONS OF FILTH, CRASS etc. A wild game of anarcho-football took place as usual and a generally good time was had by all with people being able to communicate and make new friends and contacts in a pleasant atmosphere - this being the whole idea of the day basically. Also, thankfully, we were initially spared the police harassment that had marred last year's picnics since, with there being so many of us, the pigs were simply too scared to hassle us this time. Only at one point did they try anything - four of them picking on a lone punk who had strayed from the main crowd - but when they were quickly surrounded by about 70 angry punx 'n' skinz with bottles the pigs soon changed their tune! Yeah, they're always the big hardmen when they outnumber us but when their panda car's back window got put in and the punx started chanting "There's more of us than there are of you" they soon lost their bottle and one was seen frantically calling into his walkie-talkie "Help! Is there anybody there ? We need help ungently. Is there anybody there ?" Ha!Ha!Ha!

Anyway the day in the gardens had been a great success but the pigs, it emerged, wanted revenge for their humiliation in the gardens and they were later to strike brutally. For the meantime, however, most of us went up to the high street to a small pub where OI POLLOI were due to play. Unfortunately the place just couldn't handle the crowds and even with over 200 folk packed in like sardines about 100 more were still unable to get in and so had to hang around outside. Then there were lengthy delays while the gear was set up and the tension became incredible. Eventually, however, OI POLLOI burst into action with "Thugs In Uniform" and the place went wild - a bit too wild for me though as every 30 seconds someone seemed to come hurtling past me to crash into the drumkit!! At times it seemed more like a battle than a gig but some of the locals did wonders in keeping the crowd under control. Then suddenly, at the end of the third song, the lights went out and screams and the sound of smashing glass heralded the arrival of our friendly bobbies who, punching and swearing, broke the gig up - SCUM. Folk were viciously shoved into the street and one bloke with a bad leg was knocked to the ground - he couldn't get up on his own but, despite his criss, the pigs just shoved more folk on top of him. Then in the street outside inevitably some scuffles were provoked by the police and one bloke, a guitarist who had made fools of the police last year with his songs, was singled out for attack - half his clothes were ripped off him and he was being beaten with truncheons in the middle of the street - this is our great "free" democracy in action. The pigs had one guy down on the ground who was being arrested and one pig was bending over him when someone shouted "We're not taking this!" and a foot came down on the pig's back crunching him into the ground - a loud cheer went up as his hat flew into the air and the crowd surged round the bastard booting the fuck out of him. As one punk said "I thought the cop was being killed". By this time chaos had erupted - one wee kid was held by three pigs while a fourth smashed all his front teeth out with a truncheon - BASTARDS. But the punx fought back - a hail of bottles and lumps of wood flew through the air, a panda car's window was put in and then a group of skins moved in, in formation, with bottles - crazy! A street sign was uprooted to batter a pig van with and it was "complete disorder" as pigs lashed out with truncheons and bundled anyone they could lay their hands on into the, by now numerous, meat wagons. One pig slumped over a panda car and clearly in pain was trying to pull himself up when another punk dashed from the crowd to kick him again in the kidneys and then disappeared as quickly as he'd come. Most folk then dispersed as pig reinforcements had arrived and the place was getting too hot.

So 20 or more arrests and several pigs hurt but not a mention in the press! How strange eh ? Surely they couldn't be blacking-out news of all such disturbances could they ? In our free country ? Anyway, a good day, even if the pigs did try to ruin it at the end. Also there were more people here than there were at Stonehenge - 500 folk can't be wrong - so next year we look forward to seeing you up in Edinburgh! Yeah!

Article by Sir Kenneth Newman


Oi! ON SAT. 21ST JUNE AT ONE O'CLOCK IN PRINCES ST. GARDENS, EDINBURGH...
IT'S ANOTHER PUNX PICNIC! BRING FOOD, DRINK, MUSIC AND FRIENDS!
SPREAD THE WORD!
BE THERE!


OI POLLOI
RESIST THE ATOMIC MENACE
RESIST THE RIP-OFF MENACE - PAY NO MORE THAN £1.10

A fine ep from one of the best bands around, a tuneful & powerful record in typical OI POLLOI style. The first track, "Resist The Atomic Menace" starts with the tale of Hilda Murrell's murder by the state and continues on the theme of the nuclear threat. Next is a classic which has got itself a place in my all-time "top ten", "Reach For The Light" has some of the best lyrics I've ever seen and is pure excellence! "Hands Off Nicaragua"/"Scum"(about the vile slime who peddle drugs and how to deal with them) and "They Shoot Children Don't They ?" finish off this excellent ep by a caring, intelligent band who deserve a larger following...Excellent, buy it! (£1.10 and not a penny more from any decent record shop or £1.30 inc. p&p from ENDANGERED MUSIK/BAROSSA/ STATION ROAD/BRIZE NORTON/OXON./ OX8 3PL)

OUT NOW

·GENERIC·

GENERIC are a band I first became aware of via their hand-outs on Coca Cola, apartheid etc., that, along with recomendations from Joe of "Aural Nightmares" zine(Hi Joe!) was enough to get me to send for their ep "For A Free And Liberated South Africa", its well worth getting, great stuff! I sent off the following questions that were answered by Sned, so thanks to him.

(GENERIC interview May '86)

pic by Jenny

A brief history of the band please...

"His Story" a prime example of the sexism of the english language - anyway: we've been together since the beginning of 1985 - line up has always been the same - me(Sned), Micky, Wizz and Terry with contributions from other people on a flexible sort of level. About May '85 we did a demo, in Dec '85 an EP, 1986 has seen us start to gig away from the north east, that's about it really.....

Who, if anyone, has influenced your music/lyrics ?

No-one/thing in particular - all sorts of things really - as KUKL said "Our Nourishment - Joy of the world, Our Nourishment - Atrocities of the world" - or something like that.

Would you call GENERIC a punk band ? What do you think of punk ?

It depends what you mean by "punk" - If it means positive communication aiming to create an alternative to the shit that surrounds us - then yeah I suppose we are. If it means getting the leather jacket out of the cupboard, three chords and "fuck, fuck, fuck", a night out with the lads & all the other Macho-Rock'n'Roles crap - then no, we're nothing to do with that. Punk has good & bad points - the words have to be backed up with actions otherwise its nothing more than shallow rock'n'roll.

You seem to have a pretty positive scene in your area, tell us about it...(any good bands, zines, venues etc.)

Band-wise there's not alot going on that I know of, HEX from Sunderland seem to have their heads screwed on. Zines - the longest running and most regular is "Have A Good Laugh", which has improved over the issues. Venues :- we used to have "The Station" & "The Bunker" which have both closed down now - there's a new "Station" on the way but it'll take some time to get going as there isn't a roof or electricity. In the meantime we're having to rely on pub type venues which is a bit of a compromise. The scene is pretty close - everyone seems to know each other - I don't think we have any enemies.

Why did you stop eating meat ? What influenced two of you to go vegan ?

Well its three of us now but that's besides the point. We stopped eating meat for the most obvious reason of not wanting to take part in the needless slaughter of innocent animals when there are alternatives available. Also there is the reason of "land being wasted on production of meat for the greedy belly of the 'civilised' world" - land that could be used to feed the hungry. Veganism is just the next logical step - a way of saying no to the cruelty of the battery cage and the cruelty of milk production.

A vegan diet seems pretty restrictive and difficult to manage; could you give us an idea of what you'd eat in an average day ?

A vegan diet is not restrictive - there are loads of things to eat - it just takes a bit of thought and consideration, one has to be careful to lead a balanced diet, but all the nutrition from animal produce is available from a vegetable origin. Meals generally consist of pulses and vegetables - there are many variations - I'd suggest you try a vegan cookbook for examples. How can it be more restrictive than the "meat and two veg" usual meals ? I think its important to lead a wholefood diet as well and cut out a lot of instant crap.

I notice you use re-cycled paper for your hand-outs, are you concerned with environmental issues ? Do you think it is something of a "forgotten issue" within the "Anarcho-Punk" scene ?

I think we should look alot more towards alternative power/re-cycling etc. and doing something about the environment and the damage we are causing to it. It doesn't stop at protesting about rain forests being cut down - what about the damage around you - affluents dumped into the seas - chemical pollution, cars, nuclear power, the list is endless - and its here and now in your own town/city/village etc.

How would you define sexism ? What are your views on it ?

Good question - it doesn't come up too often but its such an important part of what we're against. We're anti-sexism but then again everyone's gonna say that! - Just like everyone says they're against war - even Thatcher says that!! As I was saying - sexism is hard to define as its such an integral part of the system. We fight it in the ways we can - Its a subject we will be covering as we feel it is over-looked - As far as sexism within the "movement" or whatever its called - enclosed is a leaflet about it...maybe you could print it ? (o.k., here goes!John)

> "To all male members of the audience...Stop pretending this gig is so fuckin' alternative to all the shit that's around. You'll achieve fuck-all of any worth if the only way you can touch another man is by hitting him while a band is playing and calling it dancing. Think about it, its all so fuckin' safe and cosy isn't it ? Sing about how bad war is while you abuse each other. That's entertainment ? There's too much hate and abuse in the world (that's what the band are singing about), from bombs in Beruit to blood in the bar, without people who should know better adding to it. It's all so acceptable, the macho posturing of young white men has been around since the 50's, "ROCK'n'ROLE" rebellion, angry young men. And what (or who) are you angry with ?
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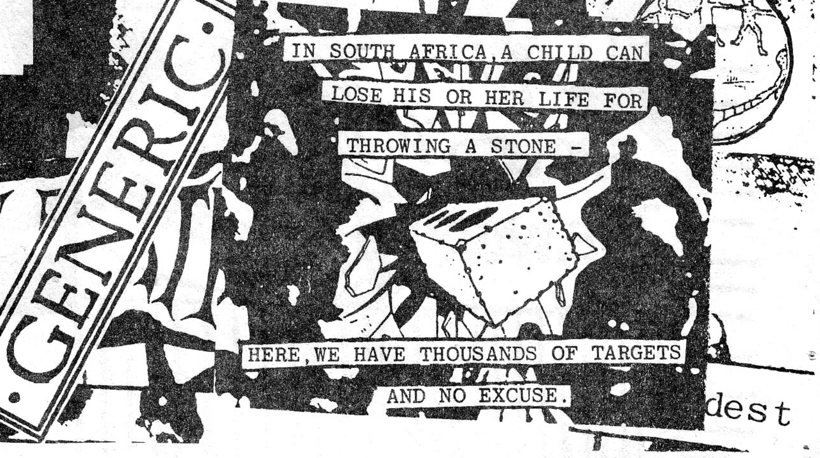
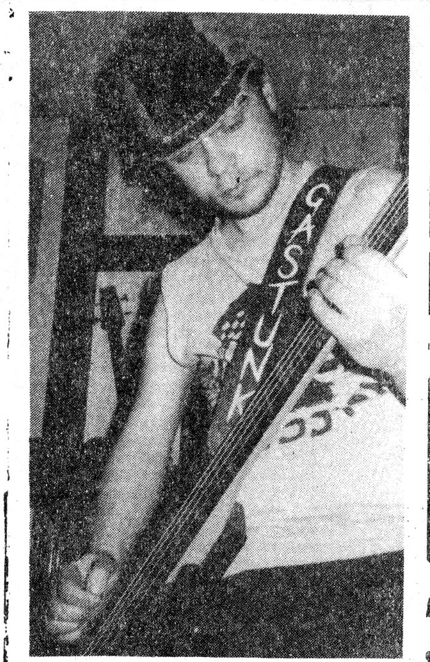
> I know this sounds cliched, but how can you hope to change the world when your own world is full of hate? All it needs is respect for others and then you can think about a decent alternative to the "weekly fight down the boozer". BUT MEANWHILE...Hiding your love of life means you get consumed by the violence. Admiting your love of life gives you no alternative but to feel anger towards those who threaten it, and that's not the person standing next to you also reading this."

Do you think that recent leaks from nuclear power plants could sway public opinion against nuclear power or will the media mould the general opinion to government policy ?

I think people underestimate the power of the media in the shaping of public opinion, there have always been leaks at Nuclear Power plants - they've just been kept quiet - If there's any doubt in the public conciousness the govt. will whip up a Falklands or what's going on with Libya now. - "Not only are we forced to eat shit but also to say thanks for the privilege".


·GENERIC·
IN SOUTH AFRICA, A CHILD CAN
LOSE HIS OR HER LIFE FOR
THROWING A STONE -
HERE, WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF TARGETS
AND NO EXCUSE.

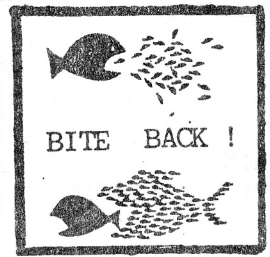
GENERIC·



pic by Paul May

Your e.p. showed your strong views against apartheid,what do you think of racism in general,is there much racism in your area ?

Apartheid is one of the most brutal and obvious manifestations of racism,however it is evident anywhere - alot of times in more subtle forms but nevertheless WRONG and EVIL - In our area the national front have been spreading their filth - they are oppossed whenever they appear. I hope people aren't so gullible to believe in what they "say" (or rather,grunt).



What are your views on vivisection,hunting,angling ? Do you agree with direct action against these crimes ?

ALL animal abuse is sick and disgusting,direct action is the only way to do anything about it. Some of us go hunt sabbing - well worthwile! I agree with what the A.L.F. are doing,like lab raids,damage to property etc. although it takes a hell of a lot of comittment to do those things - its important to give financial help to people like the A.L.F. if you don't feel upto doing the actions - so they can afford to do them.

You go to a lot of trouble to get your message across - producing handouts,detailed record sleeves etc. - how do you think the changes you want to see can be brought about?

Yeah,we think the handouts/sleeves are just as important as the music/band - we realise that we'll not change the world by doing what we're doing - but maybe we can open a few doors for a few people. Its going to take everyone working together to make the world a better place - join the conspiracy!! Organise/Agitate/Participate/Strike/Take Over! - Its just to do with people waking up to what's going on,then doing something about it - there are no spectators!

What do you think life in the U.K. will be like in 1996 ?

Well,I hope the sun shines all day,and everyone is friends and equal etc. etc. (y'know - the impossible dream) Then again we might have all been blown to smithereens by then - who knows ? Those who control the present also control the past but THE FUTURE IS OURS if we do something about it NOW!

Anything to add ?

Thanks for the thought-out questions John. Time to plug our product:- our EP is available for £1.00 (inc. p&p) from the address below...if anyone wants to write our address is:- GENERIC/"DAYS OF HOPE"/62 THORNTON STREET/NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE/NE1 4AW.....Communication is the key, break barriers! - love Sned/GENERIC 1986.

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Some comments on Apartheid from their ep cover

APARTHEID:

A brutal and racist system of repression and degradation of the black majority in South Africa (five-sixths of the population) by the white minority.

SOUTH AFRICA:

A country of enormous natural wealth - gold, diamonds,platinum and other valuable resources lie beneath the earth.The black workers whose labour extracts the wealth do not recieve a living wage.Whites in South Africa,and multinational companies,reap the profits.This racism is reinforced in every sphere of life - housing,education,medical facilities,sport.... Black opposition is put down by armed police who have not hesitated to gun down defenceless schoolchildren protesting against racist education.Black workers striking for decent wages have been forced at gunpoint onto trucks and taken to the dumping grounds - the land starved 'homelands'.

There are over 500 British companies which have either investments or subsiduaries in South Africa.Some of the companies feature highly in SA's 'Top 10 Companies' list. These companies exploit SA's apartheid system to make huge profits,British banks, for example make a 23% profit in SA compared to 6-7% in Britain.Barclays bank lines its pockets from apartheids gold mines recieving 55% of all interest payments from them.Huge profits in the textile industry are made by paying wages so low that they barely cover the basic necessities of life,SA's textile imports have increased from £1.4m in 1970 to £14m in 1983.

APARTHEID IS BEING BAILED OUT BY BRITISH MONEY AND WE HAVE TO DO OUR BIT IN MAKING IT A BAD INVESTMENT.

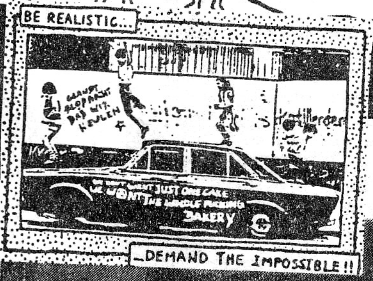
Barclays have been putting leaflets through peoples doors promoting Barclaycards,thing is:they've been daft enough to include a FREEPOST address,so now is your chance to write and let them know exactly what you think of their filthy investments -and they have to pay the postage!

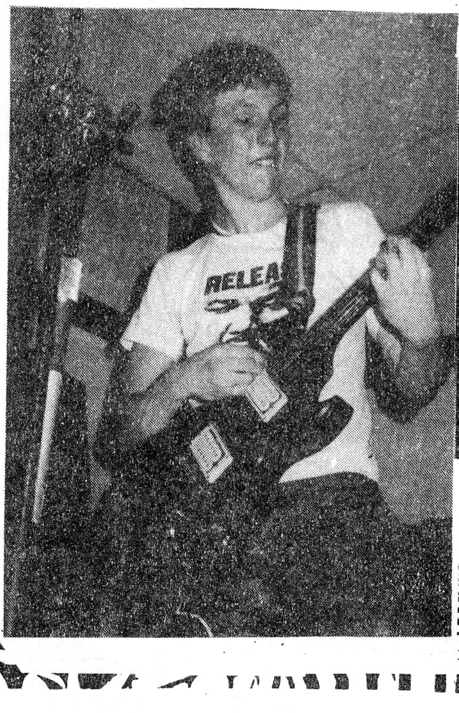
Address:Barclaycard,Department SJ68,FREEPOST,
Northampton,NN1 1YG.

ACTION IN YOUR HIGH STREET

1. Collect South African goods in Tescos or similar market,take them to the check-out,protest to staff etc.
2. Put stickers on South African goods.
3. Glue up the locks of South African companies,businesses that invest or exploit there.Try putting a broken off key into lock to further jam it up.
4. Phone-in blocking up the switchboards of South African companies.
5. Start to open an account with banks that operate in South Africa,then let 'other people'give out leaflets and convince you not to!

Join the conspiracy


BE REALISTIC...
WE DON'T WANT JUST ONE CAKE WE WANT THE WHOLE FUCKING BAKERY
...DEMAND THE IMPOSSIBLE!!



pics. by Paul May

The Ex lyrics

LOVE YOU TILL EH

HE SAID 'LET'S MAKE LOVE'
AND GRABBED HER BY THE THROAT
RIPPING OFF HER CLOTHES
HE WHISPERED LIKE A GOAT
UNDERSTOOD IT'S MEANING
'OH NOT AGAIN', SHE SAID
SHE LIKED TO SHOW HIM HER EMOTION
TO STAB HIM IN THE BACK
SUCH A LADY-KILLER
SUCH A LOVE-YOU-TILL-EH
READY FOR AN INTERCOURSE
AGAINST HER WILL
SKINDEEP EMOTION
TO SATISFY HIS NEED
THEN SHE'S LEFT ALONE
WITH THE PAIN AND THE SEED

SHE'S NO PLASTIC PARTNER
NO ARTICLE OF USE
SHE'S NO MEAT PUPPET
NO BOTTLE FOR HIS JUICE

NOW SHE COUNTS HER SCARS
AND HE COUNTS HIS SCORES
SHE HATES EVERY INCH OF HIM
AS HE TOOK HER BY FORCE
SHE'S FLESH AND BLOOD
WITH A MIND OF HER OWN
WHEN SHE SAID 'NO'
SHE MEANT 'LEAVE ME ALONE'
HE MAY BE SOMEONE YOU KNOW
OR SIMPLY A STRANGER
DOES IT REALLY MATTER
WHEN SHE FINDS HERSELF IN DANGER
HE MAY CALL HIMSELF HER HUSBAND
HER LOVER OR A FRIEND
BUT HE'S JUST A
FUCKING BASTARD IN THE END

SHE'S NO PLASTIC PARTNER
NO ARTICLE OF USE
SHE'S NO MEAT PUPPET
NO BOTTLE FOR HIS JUICE

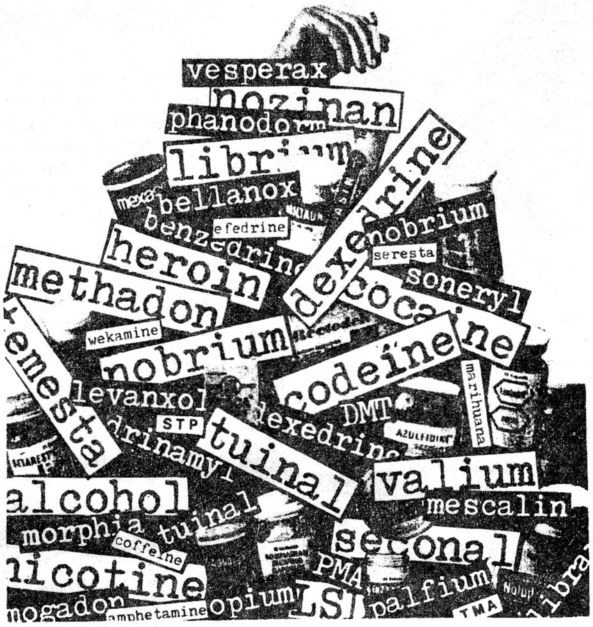
NEXT TIME AND THE DAMAGE DONE
I HOPE SHE'S GONNA BUY A GUN

PEP TALK

you search for paradise
you're flying to be free
but now you're tied to your
dealer's reality

reality hurts again
so paradise you seek
but you can't find it in the store
where they arrested you last week

you're going even further in your need to score
to get money for the stuff you play the whore
you're so independent you'd even rob your friends
if that's what you want from life it should better end
(with...)



"The Sky Is Blue Again"

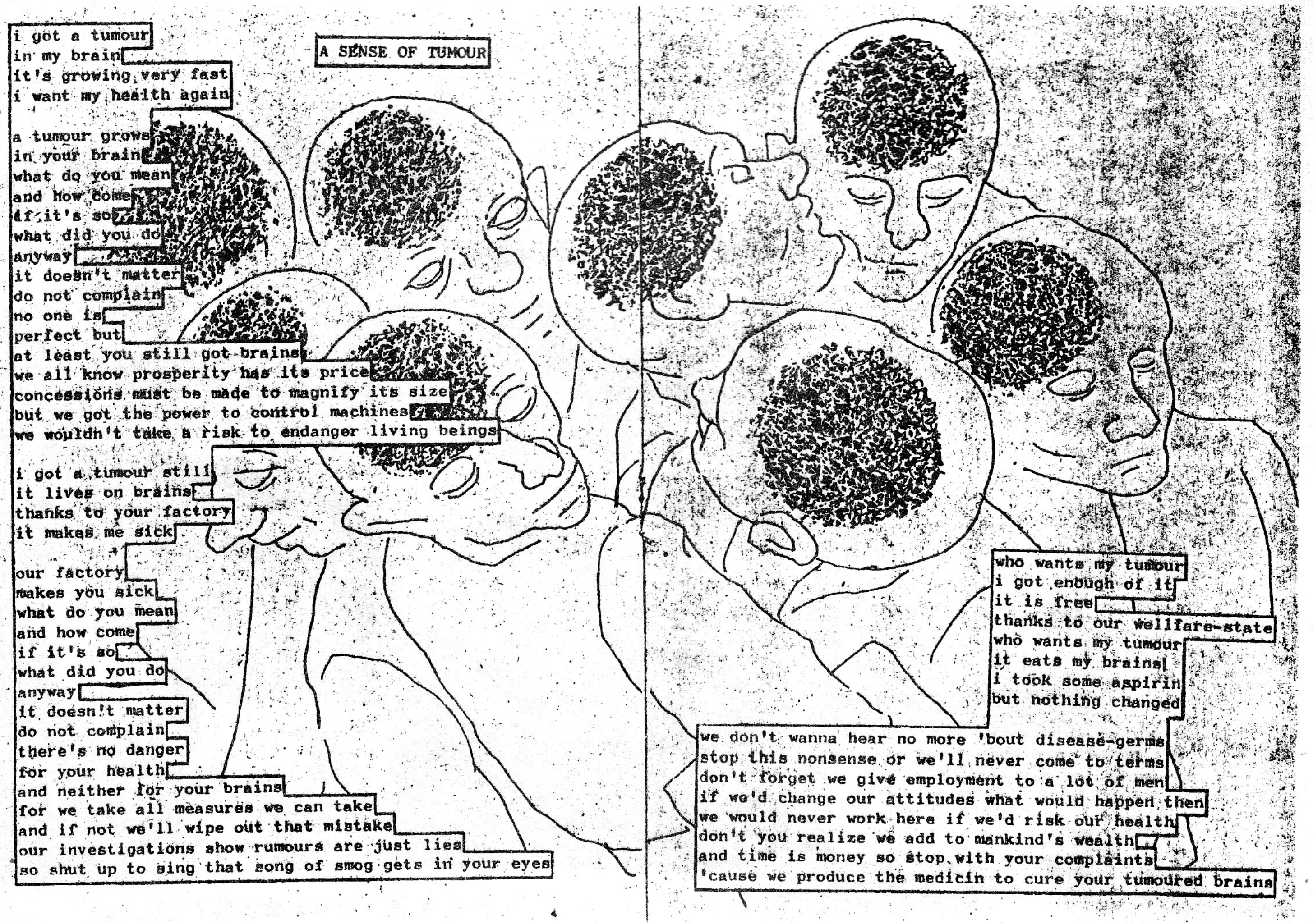
funny feeling
comin' back again
as i saw you window-shopping
standing in the rain
a red coat you wore
it covered your face
but your eyes said to me
come on upto my place

it seems that love's for sale
well at least sometimes
i know it's not romantic
but so what,it rhymes
we took off our coats
down at your place
and as i cleaned my glasses
i didn't see your face

under the sheets
you turned your face to me
and i saw the ugliest girl
i did ever see
so i wondered
what will i do now
will i stay or
better take a cow

i know you're not a beauty
but you're really kind
you got lots of charms
so i made up my mind
i threw away my glasses
i decided to stay
for love is blind
let's keep it that way

A SENSE OF TUMOUR



i got a tumour
in my brain
it's growing very fast
i want my health again

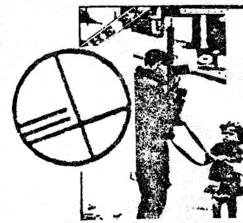
a tumour grows
in your brain
what do you mean
and how come
if it's so
what did you do
anyway
it doesn't matter
do not complain
no one is
perfect but
at least you still got brains
we all know prosperity has its price
concessions must be made to magnify its size
but we got the power to control machines
we wouldn't take a risk to endanger living beings

i got a tumour still
it lives on brains
thanks to your factory
it makes me sick

our factory
makes you sick
what do you mean
and how come
if it's so
what did you do
anyway
it doesn't matter
do not complain
there's no danger
for your health
and neither for your brains
for we take all measures we can take
and if not we'll wipe out that mistake
our investigations show rumours are just lies
so shut up to sing that song of smog gets in your eyes

who wants my tumour
i got enough of it
it is free
thanks to our wellfare-state
who wants my tumour
it eats my brains
i took some aspirin
but nothing changed

we don't wanna hear no more 'bout disease-germs
stop this nonsense or we'll never come to terms
don't forget we give employment to a lot of men
if we'd change our attitudes what would happen then
we would never work here if we'd risk our health
don't you realize we add to mankind's wealth
and time is money so stop with your complaints
'cause we produce the medicin to cure your tumoured brains



THE EX

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(THE EX interview Jan.'86)

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THE EX are a Dutch band who've been around for over five years, in that time they've released eight singles, one 12 five L.P.'s aswell as appearing on various split singles and compilations. Their music is hard to describe as it' changed over the years...they can't really be classified The earlier stuff has a "punk" feel to it whilst the lat stuff is more "industrial"/"experimental"/"wierd"...but label can really sum them up. Some of their stuff I coul only describe as "brilliant", they won't be everyone's cu of tea though. Their stuff is available in the U.K. through "Rough Trade".

EX 001
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EX 005
Verrec

A brief history, any message ?

We started off in August '79. Since then the line-up has changed several times. Two of us, G.W. Sok (voice) and Terry (guitar) are members from the beginning. The current line-up has been together since January '85...G.W. Sok, Terry, Luc (bass) and Katrin (drums).

We're an independant band. We release our own records, we organise our own gigs. We don't want to do people out of money, therefore we want the records and gigs to be cheap. We're not into this thing for profits or losses. We don't have all the answers on all the questions, but we have some and we have alot of questions. There are things going on in this world that make our eyebrows raise and worse. We believe in freedom for the individual but not at the cost of other people's freedom. We're not into music for the music itself...by the way we work we show an alternative way of doing things. We believe in co-operation not with egomaniacs but with people who care. (Sorry if this is all a bit messily said, but what we believe in is in a way easier done than said.)

Who's influenced your music and lyrics ?

Our music and lyrics are influenced by bands we like(d) and by bands we didn't/don't like. Things we don't like is the garbage we hear on the radio...(Dutch d.j.'s are very good in playing only the awful music, its nearly no use to listen to Dutch radio.) Bands we like are; Beefheart, Mekons, Fall, Sonic Youth, Wire...not only because of the music but also because of their approach towards music. They're trying to do different things and don't wanna get caught in that trap of popular music, where one gives in and plays what has proven to be sucessful instead of creating something of your own. Lyrically there are no real specific influences. Lyrics I like contain words of the Crass-people, Beefheart, Hammill, Tom Waits.

What are your views on Nuclear Power and pollution ?

Nuclear power is here to stay and so is nuclear pollution. And I'm afraid there's nothing we can do against it. We can try to fight it, to slow it down, but there's too powerful people on the top with financial interests in the nuclear business who don't give anything about this world surviving.

Are any of the band vegetarian ? What are your views on animal rights ?

Sometimes yes, sometimes no. Not the eating of meat is the real problem, but the fact that people treat animals so disgustingly violent and inhumane. If the animals were treated well and given the chance to live a normal life and to die of old age instead of experiments, torture, battery cages etc., there would be no problem in eating meat what-so-ever. However this is not the case, I think it is a political decision (in the name of humanity) to refuse to eat any meat at all. The cruelty to animals has to stop.

Do you hold any political views ? Some of your songs seem to be "Anarchist" in outlook and others more "Communist". Are not left-wing and right-wing politicians as bad as each other ?

We don't support any political parties. We don't want to hide behind the banners of "Anarchy" or "Comunism" and we don't want to be labelled as such, but if we have to show where we stand, yes we're on the left. Right-wing parties are more undemocratic than the left-wing. Problem with left-wing parties is that they pretend to care for the people and they turn out to be white liberals. At least right-wing politicians agree that they don't give a fuck about others but themselves.

What are your views on sexism ? What is "The Sky Is Blue Again" about ?...it appears sexist to me.

Unfortuneately there's a lot of sexism going on, even among people you wouldn't expect it from. I think that sexism is a form of racism, when one gets judged by one's sex its the same as getting judged by one's race or (non-) education/job/class/country of origin or whatever. Prejudice and contempt (judging someone not regarding whether this judgement is correct or not) causes all the fucking trouble.

"The Sky Is Blue Again" is a love song. The idea behind the lyrics was : in all the glossy magazines, T.V. shows, movies, advertisments you get the impression that you need beauty to be loved...this is rubbish. It's not only your appearance that makes you loveable, real beauty goes deeper than that. The "I" in the song finds out he doesn't really care if she's pretty or not, he just eh...loves her. (sigh!)

What would you like to see changed ? How could those changes be brought about ?

The greed and selfishness of people. All we can do about it is trying to be different from them and behave in a more honest way, to show that people can live friendly and in peace with each other.

Any future plans ? Any plans to tour in the U.K. ?

We have no real plans. We practice, we do gigs, make records meet friends, lend a hand with independant projects in Amsterdam. In November we were in England for 8 gigs, some with The Three Johns, First International and D.O.A.

What are your views on religion ? Is there a god ? Is there life on other planets ?

I have nothing against religion itself. If people get strength from something they believe in, then that's okay with me. Problem is that there's other people who want to make a lot of profit out of that faith and exploit the believers for their own causes.

Maybe there is a god, maybe not, maybe alot. If so he/she/it/they do a lousy job.

Is there life on other planets ? Maybe this is another planet.

IS ENOUGH ●
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BARRICADES

we'll meet again at the barricades
when their common sense fails we're full of hate
we'll meet again at the barricades
when they won't listen we won't hesitate

there's nowhere to hide
teargas in our eyes
and dogs that really bite
they're never on our side

we'll meet again at the barricades
when arrogance remains we're full of hate
we'll meet again at the barricades
when they ask for trouble we won't hesitate

police spies everywhere
we handle them with care
our bricks are their despair
zipping through the air

we'll meet again at the barricades
when unjustice rules we're full of hate
we'll meet again at the barricades
when they want violence we won't hesitate

it's still the same refrain
unjustices remain
authorities to blame
not used to use their brain

PRINTS FOR A BLACKOUT●
oductions(2xLP)3-'84

SIX OF ONE AND HALF A DOZEN OF THE OTHER

enters the new minister
the old one disappears
different points of view
but the same words i still hear

now it's change of the guard
he will lend him his mask
different point of view
but the same thing he must do

they're dining together
they argue about the weather
different points of view
but the same things they will do

enters the new minister
the old one disappears
different points of view
but the same words i will hear

we don't like your

Conservative Christian
Nationalist Socialist

TEARGAS

EX 010/011/012/013 DIGNITY OF LABOUR●
VGZ Records(4x7")3-'83

EX 014 TUMULT
FAI Records(LP)4-'83

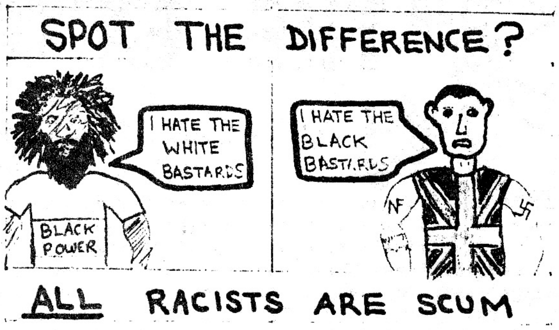
SMASH RACISM !

Racism is an evil,sick and vile crime against humanity and must not be tolerated. There is no master race and ALL racists (white OR black) are scum and should be dealt with accordingly. Some people say that its "okay" for black people to be racist because "they're oppressed",well wake up arseholes! We're ALL oppressed. We are oppressed by the rich and powerful not by the people with a different skin colour. Another argument used by racists is that "one of them" did something to one of their friends...can you seriously suggest holding an entire race responsible for the actions of a few ? (Should all whites be attacked cos of racist attacks on blacks ? Should all English people be banned from going to Europe,after all those football hooligans were English ?).It sounds ridiculous when put like that doesn't it ? Yet its an "excuse" which is often used;one of my friends had to run for his life when he was attacked by a gang at a party cos "one of your lot got my mate last week" - attacked cos of the colour of his skin. He didn't know the person who was attacked or the attacker but that didn't matter cos the attacker was the same colour as him...stupid,sick and wrong.

I have been criticised by some people for suggesting the use of force to remove racist scum from our streets - I find this totally unbelivable In East London there are at least 20 racist attacks on Asian homes per week;these include racist graffiti,smashed windows,shit on the door handles and arson attacks (in one arson attack a woman and two children under three,one only a few months old,were burned to death). The people there live in constant fear of attack from cowardly,moronic scum who spread their racist filth safe in the knowledge that the local police support them.(that statement is fact and not "propoganda"). Its not just the east end though,its the whole country that is infected with the cancer of racism. In Blackburn a white woman was attacked by a white man who tried to rape her,she was helped by an Asian man who was fighting with the white rapist when a gang of white youths came on the scene and helped the white man "bash a paki"...SCUM!! Families live in fear,scared to go out or even answer the door at night,people are beaten up,spat at, abused because of the colour of their skin. The people behind these attacks won't listen to arguments about equality,they've killed before and if we sit back and do nothing they'll kill again. Racism is never justifiable and must be abolished forever,the scum who carry out racist attacks must be eradicated,wipe them off the streets!

Racism also crops up in a less dangerous,but still wrong,form amongst the majority of people,the "I don't really like 'em" types who crack racist jokes...here I wouldn't suggest violence!!(Yes you read that right). Alot of that racism stems from ignorance and peer pressure and is best dealt with through reasoned argument rather than fists. Kicking someones teeth in isn't a very good method of changing their mind,it may cause them to hide their views but is more likely to re-enforce them than change them. (How many of you stopped eating meat cos a vegetarian beat you up?)

Before anyone screams "hypocrite" and says if I believe that then I shouldn't support violence against nazi scum let me go into it in more detail. People who join racist groups and carry out racist attacks are committed to their ideas and are guilty of causing misery,suffering and death,to allow them to continue would be a crime. There is virtually no chance of convincing them that their views are wrong and meanwhile they would continue their actions because of this I support any act against them (including removing them from our streets permenently!). Not to stop them is to give your agreement to them,words mean fuck-all. People who hold racist views but don't actually attack (or voice support for attacks) don't pose so much of a threat and hold the views less deeply (the majority of racists are in the latter group). They CAN be talked to and can change (before you say "bollocks!" just think about this - were you born with the views you have now ? Have you always been vegan/ vegetarian,anti-sexist,an anarchist,anti-vivisection etc ? Have you never followed a trend because your friends have,without thinking about it ? - You must be unique if you haven't). I KNOW that people can change their views - I wasn't born an anarchist,I haven't always been vegan,I haven't always despised racism.



ERADICATE ALL RACISM

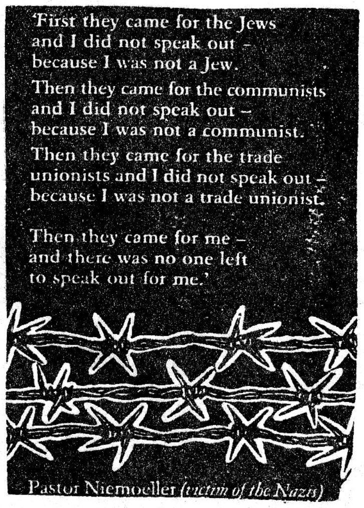
WE ARE ALL EQUAL

THERE IS NO MASTER RACE.

Racism is oppression,it is beyond me how anyone can judge another by the colour of their skin or their country of origin. Racism and patriotism are inseperable,both hold the theory that people from one race or country are superior to others,both lead to oppression and death. We all live on a small planet in the middle of a huge universe yet we draw lines and say "this is your country,this is ours"...BOLLOCKS! What right have we to divide the earth into pieces and deny others access to it ? (We even fight if someone is from another town,or even another part of the same town...WHY???)

We must join together and fight racism in all of its forms,the consequences of allowing racism to continue unchecked are only too clear, Nazi Germany/the genocide inflicted on aboriginies & American indians/ South African apartheid/the murder and misery in the Southern states of the USA etc. etc. etc. Racism is never justifiable,racists are scum who have no right to exist and should be made to pay for their filthy,perverted beliefs...fight back! SMASH RACISM! ERADICATE THE RACISTS!

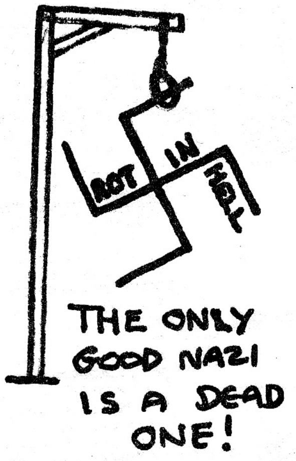
Equality.Unity.Trust.Co-operation.Freedom.



'First they came for the Jews
and I did not speak out –
because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for the communists
and I did not speak out –
because I was not a communist.
Then they came for the trade
unionists and I did not speak out –
because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for me –
and there was no one left
to speak out for me.'

Pastor Niemoeller *(victim of the Nazis)*


NOT IN HELL
THE ONLY GOOD NAZI IS A DEAD ONE!

White power/black power

ALL RACISM IS WRONG

Only Guns Will Set Us Free !

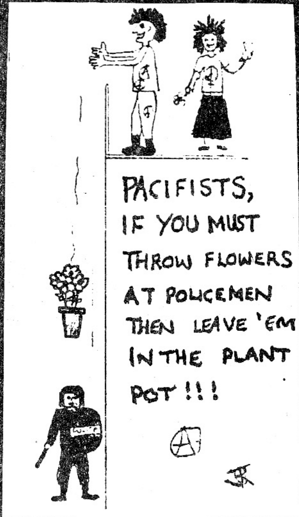
"Class War-thugs"/"Pacifist mugs" the anarchist movement seems to spend alot of time these days arguing and bickering over tactics,the only people to benefit from all that are our oppressors. We share the same objectives (freedom,peace,equality etc. - in case you've forgotten) Its our methods that are different,I'm not sure how it can be done but we MUST start communicating and working together. There are few enough of us as it is without us fighting each other...THE REAL ENEMY IS THE STATE...lets not lose sight of that.

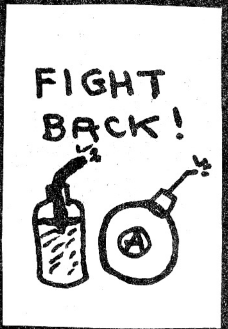
Anyone who's seen "React" before will be aware that I'm not a pacifist,that doesn't mean I'm a blood-crazed psycho though. I don't see violence as the only solution to every problem,how they choose to deal with a situation really depends on the individual and the set of circumstances at the time. I don't enjoy violence (a six-foot-six,fifteen stone porker dressed in full riot gear,charging at you isn't the most pleasant experience you're likely to have!) but often there is no other course of action open to us. You can only back off for so long until you find you've nowhere left to run and you've got your back against the wall. We can't allow violence by the state to keep us from protesting,carrying out actions etc. - if we don't fight back then who will ??

Lets refresh our memories about what's happening NOW in this country - whole families live in squalid hovels,others are homeless yet some people have several houses and live in luxury/people are attacked,and even KILLED because of the colour of their skin/women are abused,raped, assaulted and murdered,treated as second-class citizens/millions of animals are tortured and killed for food,sport,clothes and curiosity/ police and security services oppress and harrass those who challange the state or who simply don't look or behave "normal"/pollution is causing untold damage to our environment and ourselves...I could carry on but I'm sure you get the picture by now. With all that going on is using violence against those who carry-out/support those things really unjustifiable ?

Some people say that using violence makes us as bad as our oppressors,that revenge is pointless...try telling that to a man who's returned home to find his wife and two children burned to death as the result of an arson attack on their home,attacked 'cos they're the wrong colour. Its that sort of talk that led to the murder of six million jews in nazi Germany. A woman who was raped was criticised for castrating the two bastards who'd done it,criticised ? She should've got a medal! The society we live in breeds rape and sexism,sending rapists to prison to be released to do it again is no solution. Rape is NEVER justifiable and whatever the scum who do it get in return is less than they deserve!

Pacifism and peaceful change are great in theory but back in the real world we see that those in power won't give it up without a fight. The state is well-equipped to deal with all forms of resistance and they aren't going to be peaceful. Its a fight for life,we can't afford to lose. Society is set on a course for total destruction,it could be a nuclear war or through pollution but it is going to happen unless we all pull together and take back our lives,the time for talking is over we need ACTION if we are to achieve anything.





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What rights has the animal on David Henshaw's plate, and have activists gone too far to redress the balance?
BBC2, 8.20 pm Brass Tacks

8.20 Brass Tacks

Animal Warfare

'The British love animals' – it's a national cliché. But can love for animals justify violence against human beings? Last year hard-line animal rights activists inflicted more than £6 million of damage on butchers, farms and laboratories throughout the country. Today their new and declared target is not property but people – someone, they say, will be killed. **David Henshaw** examines the aims and activities of an extraordinary and disturbing new breed of terrorist.

Next week in the studio, Peter Taylor asks how far we are prepared to go to protect animals in a nation which eats over ten million of them every week.

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The BBC 2 programme "Brass Tacks" recently did a programme about the ALF,they'd be better re-naming it "Biased Attacks" judging from how the programme turned out. The 'investigator',David Henshaw, was very hostile towards the animal rights people he interviewed and he described the ALF as "terrorists","cranks" and "fanatics". Meat was treated as respectabbe and normal(they showed very toned-down scenes from an abbatoir),the refusal to eat corpses was treated as a joke. Vivisection was presented as an uncruel and necessary act,no attempt was made to inform viewers of the many failures and thousands of pointless experiments which are carried out all over the world. Hunting is just jolly fun and if we oppose it we know nothing about the countryside...bollocks!

Henshaw said we're wrong to impose our views about animal rights on others but,of course,made no suggestion that its wrong to impose pain,misery and death on thousands of animals every day. What is meat-eating if its not imposing your greed (NOT need) upon an animal? Hunting and vivisection are futher examples of man imposing his will on non-human animals. He ranted and raved about ALF "terrorism" (in other words Direct Action,which,incidently,caused £6,000,000 worth of damage last year...yipee!) but he omitted to mention the real terrorism - 450 MILLION animals murdered for food each year,one animal being tortured & murdered every SIX SECONDS in a British lab., and the thousands of other animals killed for so-called sport. When you compare that to a few bombs planted under animal abuser's cars (they all,unluckily,escaped injury) it appears that the ALF are being lenient.

Two animal abusers who'd had bombs put under their cars were interviewed by the obviously sympathetic Henshaw,they were allowed to put their views across unchallenged (a luxury denied to ALF supporters who were treated with contempt and hostility). Henshaw then went on to say that the work of Dr Brian Meldrham (who induces fits in animals to get a big,fat research grant) was vital and could lead to a cure for Epilepsy thus helping thousands of people...the impression given to the unenlightened viewers was that the work was vital and would give a cure. No attempt was made to question the vivisector on the validity of his experiments or indeed how long he'd been torturing animals without result to date. As is usual with supporters of animal torture he carefully excluded any mention of warfare experiments etc. as there is no "emotional pull" connected to this.(It is possible to con people into believing that vivisection which can find cures for disease -however unlikely that is in reality - is necessary and for their benefit but try telling them that shooting pigs and sheep with rifles to find better ways of killing and you're on a loser.) . Henshaw assured us that he'd found the torturer to be "caring" and an "animal lover" and that he was in no way the "sadist" the ALF had labelled him. (One ALF member said "the sooner he's dead the better"! Good luck!)

What I can't understand is why the ALF members co-operated in the making of the programme. Every documentary about animal rights has been biased against us,this particular one was worse than any of the others. Those actavists who appeared on the programme have made themselves easy targets both for the police and animal abusers (who are now organising to beat-up,intimidate and harrass known actavists). One group of actavists showed off a van they have which is fitted with video cameras/screens for use for surveilance - apart from showing animal abusers a weapon which is more effective if its kept secret they've endangered their own operations. The BBC crew did not show the number-plates on the van but they'll have the van No. and only a fool would believe that,if asked,they wouldn't give it to the police. Surely it is to our benefit if the state/animal abusers don't know who we are and what tools we have at our disposal,and to our detriment if they do ?

It was interesting to see the wide range of supporters which the ALF has,it ranged from punks with Conflict written on their jackets to a retired civil servant and his wife who are vegetarians and support petrol bombings and even shooting vivisectors!!! Many of the actavists featured were bank clerks,insurance office workers etc. and one even admitted to being a Tory voter!!! The person who stood out most though was a middle-aged woman who had kidney problems and,despite being told she would die without a transplant,refused the treatment because it was developed through animal research...she became more ill and then died. Her husband supported her stand and said he would do the same in her position...I wonder how many others would be unselfish and brave enough to take the same stand...

So things become more desparate and our struggle becomes more violent,I can't condemn those who are prepared to kill scientists. The peaceful protest has gone on for over 100 years yet it hasn't saved one animal's life,only direct action can stop the murder and lets face it there's no more direct way of stopping an animal abuser than by killing him! Forward for animal liberation! Victory for the ALF!

LES

(CONCRETE SOX interview May'86)

JOHN

CONCRETE SOX are an excellent "metal-edged" punk band from Nottingham. Their debut vinyl is an LP called "Your Turn Next" which is out on C.O.R., I won't go on about how good it is 'cos you've such good taste you've already got it - right ? Thanks alot to John and Les for the answers, its a pleasure to find a band with both positive views and a sense of humour.

A brief history of the band please, why the name CONCRETE SOX ?

Les- Formed about one and a half years ago, drafted in John on drums about six weeks later. Vic thought of the name CONCRETE SOX, we couldn't be bothered to spend time on a serious and meaningful name.

What are your views on the U.S. bombing of Libya and on Thatcher's decision to let 'em use U.K. bases ?

Les- To me the bombing of Libya was totally out of order, State Terrorism in itself. More affect would have been achieved say with stopping of all military weapons and hardware going into the country. Innocent people have again took the brunt of the violence. Thatcher is just as bad, she would have loved to get in on the act even more. There isn't much else to say - really disgusted. If it had been the other way round, you know - the Russians doing it, there would of been a bigger world outcry and the Americans would be now pumping weapons to the Libyans. Yeah, what would happen if someone bombed the Whitehouse, its them that's backing terrorism in Nicaragua!

John-It was inevitable that the U.S. would take some military action against Libya, they've been itching to prove their military strength for a while now, and the signs all pointed to Libya so it came as no suprise to me. However, what was suprising was the fact that our cabinet decided (for us) that they could launch their bombers from U.K. based airstrips A dumb move I think, and yet another nail in the coffin for Thatcher & Co. It shows how much say WE get in the affairs of state - most people didn't know until after the event, would it be the same for nuclear weapons ? As Les said, Nicaragua could bomb U.S. military bases in America if you apply the same logic to the situation, Nicaragua would be fighting state-sponsered terrorism wouldn't it ??? President Ortega of Nicaragua could say - "This shows that no-one can kill Nicaraguans and brag about it". Just like Reagan did with the excuse to bomb Libya. American hypocracy at its uninventive worst.

Who's influenced you ? Who are your favourite bands ?

Les- No-one to big extent, but lyrically little bits of APOSTLES/PENI/FLUX etc. Musically a lot of stuff such as hardcore and metal.

My favourite bands are METALLICA/BAD BRAINS/MISFITS/D.R.I./TROUBLE/C.O.C./INDIGESTI etc.

John-Difficult to say. We have no direct influences as we all listen to different stuff. Les & Vic listen to a lot of thrash-metal etc. and I suppose you can tell! Myself, I prefer H/C and most other punk styles from Oi! (some) to wierdo/depressing stuff. Anything with any excitement/originality/garage-flavour, you know what kind of thing!!! Too many fave bands to mention and they are constantly being changed anyway.

What are your views on the abolition of the Metropoliton Councils such as the G.L.C. ?

Les- Well its just one more step to total govt. rule. I can't go into this too much as I don't know a lot about Metropoliton Councils, only I know they were there to help the inner cities and their people, under Tory rule they don't give a fuck, its a waste of money to them caring about the poor people and their problems.

John-Another example of our great democratic system in practice! The govt. decided they were a thorn in their side, so, like with G.C.H.Q. and the unions etc. they applied amazing democracy and abolished them! How many people voted for the abolition of the Met. councils ? How many people wanted it ? Another step towards the centralisation of power & policy making.

What would you give Prince Andrew for a wedding present ?

Les- Well for a start I'd give him a medal for bravery! What must the high rich bastards of the country think of him marrying an "half-breed" Argentinian! Then probably an Argentinian helicopter that self-destruct-ed when the words "Jolly Gosh" were spoken.

John-The "Spitting Image" puppet of Sarah, I'm sure he can find a use for it!

ANDY + FERGIE.....PLEASED WITH THEIR PRESSIES?

Are any of the band vegetarian ? What influenced that decision ? Have you any views on the dairy industry ?

Les- Yeah, three of us are vegetarian; me, John and Shaun. The first real influence for me was reading the FLUX OF PINK INDIANS inside cover to "Neu Smell". I have alot of hatred for the industry and people involved, basically its profit from torture, death and greed - you know, the fattening up of animals to feed the mouths of most public robots and the pockets of the businessmen involved. I could go on and on, what with the starving people of Africa etc., but I'm sorry my brain isn't working well this week.

John-As Les stated, three of us are strict vegetarians, Vic is not. Its a personal decision that I made after much thought. I've always been an animal lover so it seemed like a logical step or natural progression. I don't want animals to die for me, its as simple as that.

The dairy industry is the lesser of the two evils (the meat industry, obviously, being the worst). Again animal welfare is only a small concern. I'm not a vegan, from choice, and I honestly don't think I could be at the moment. I do as little as possible to support the dairy industry, but most of us support or give money (often unknowingly) to companies/corperations that fund/support things we despise. Alternatives are being created (household goods, cosmetics, bleaches, soaps etc etc) its up to each individual how far they wish to go in saying 'NO'. Every step is a valuable one.

Have you come across much violence when you've been out hunt saboteuring ?

Les- Any hunt saber knows that someday violence on a sab is inevitable. Just before xmas we hit the Quorn in Leicestershire with the Sheffield,Leeds,Coventry lot and there was some hired thugs to try and stop the sabs,they were carrying hammers,iron bars - but apart from a couple of little brawls there wasn't much more bother from them as there was a lot of us,also the coppers appeared and took over the job of protecting the huntsman!

John-Only threats and intimidation,what's expected really. A few minor scuffles on the bigger hunts like the Quorn,with goons making sabbing virtually impossible. Its mainly terrier men and local nutters,"small town, small mind" theory applies here. Their usual argument is "you come from the city so therefore know nothing of hunting foxes & other countryside practices"! and other well thought out arguments on the same (low) level!

What are your views on the A.L.F. ? Would you condone violence against people involved in animal abuse ? Can vivisection be justified ?

Les- My views on the A.L.F. are of the highest degree! I don't think anything they did I wouldn't condone unless innocent people were hurt. No I don't think vivisection can be justified,especially in testing of cosmetics and man made diseases...I'll leave it at that! Maybe we should have a few volunteers that are dying of a disease to be tested on!(ha!ha!)How uncaring of me!

John-The A.L.F. has done a great job in bringing the plight of suffering animals to light,and for this, deserve full respect and support in whatever way. Of course,like any organisation,there are faults and they have made mistakes - they're only human!

I can understand why violence occurs in these actions,the people you have to deal with are so damned obnoxious and annoying. Violence against property is better,theft,damage and so on,that annoys them even more!

The vast percentage of vivisection cannot be justified,especially when animals are tested for such useless items as new brands of cosmetics,bleaches, dyes etc. - you know,"New Improved" stuff! Morally wrong. There is no reasonable argument to support this testing,and the same can be said for finding cures for cancer etc. much is irrelevant and unnecessary. The same can be said about universities testing animals for stupid tests,just to see what happens etc.

Have you any particular political views ? How do you think the changes you'd like to see can be brought about ?

Les- Yep,very left of centre(Marxist). This is a very tactical subject,but here goes! Well the basic way of looking at it is revolution of the people,violence if necessary! But then again you could do it the political way of voting,that would never occur - the only way the changes I'd like can be brought about would come from total oppression,be it police,profit,exploitation you have to have the majority backing,only from this can anything ever occur. I'm no politician,I've still got a lot to learn on this subject. The protection of the revolution is another touchy subject,but that's another topic!

John-We are a political band,no doubt about it! I see politics as life,decision-making that effects us all in one way or another,and therefore we should have a say in what we think is wrong,be it thru music,art or any other medium. I hate it when people in bands say - "I'm a musician - not a politician - leave it all to them & keep it out of music" - rubbish! Politics is for everybody,not just for politicians - its not as complicated as they would have us believe. I haven't got a particular label for my own political beliefs. There are elements of Anarchism,Socialism, Communism etc. in my views towards differing issues so I cannot pinpoint it down to one level of thinking and I do not wish to.

The changes I'd like to see couldn't be brought about in the present day without violence and I'm not really into violent revolution because it just replaces oppression with more oppression. I'd like to see a de-centralising of authority and decision making, followed by a replacement of authoritarian leaderships in favour of co-ops who speak for all. No chance of any of this happening in my lifetime,but a few obvious changes could happen that I'd like to see;these are:- the scrapping of the nuclear power programme,U.S. bases out of U.K.,banning of bloodsports etc. These changes could(and hopefully will) occur in my lifetime so I'll settle for them first! These can be brought about with repeated "pressure" activity like demos, sabs,raising public awareness,benefits etc. etc.

What are your views on racism ?

Les- Racism is the pits,there's no excuse for it and never will be,its evil to the max!

John-There is no logical explanation for holding a racist/ sexist viewpoint - only the "master race" crap which means nothing and is shallow to say the least! There is no argument that can stand up in favour of it. Obviously,I despise racism/sexism in any/all forms.

How would you define sexism and what are your views on it ?

Les- No-one in their right minds could not define sexism. It is so common in this society and yes to me has to be stopped. No one person is higher than the next, everyone is equal,women are not objects,be it a sex object or an object in the home. Its fucking ridiculous what society breeds of woman. Everyone who does not want to be sexist should look at themselves and ask themselves if they are,then put it right. You can not honestly carry the banner for freedom and equality when you are undermining this by being sexist.

John-As above,I despise it! Defining it is fairly easy. There is out-and-out sexism(women refused jobs on the basis of sex discrimination and the usual tired sterotyping of women becoming housewives,mothers etc.) Then there's subtle sexism,which is often done unwittingly,even in the punk scene. For instance,women are not expected to form bands,have record collections,be interested in music/art etc. just be followers/admirers of the men. The same as out-and-out sexism really except people don't realise its happening,or do they ?

What are your views on nuclear power ?

Les- Sorry I can't be bothered to answer this,it should be obvious what my views are on nuclear power. Yeah its great! Did you expect anything else ?

John-The risk of accident makes it not worth having/investing in as a means of power. There are plenty of alternatives;fossil fuel,solar power etc. Basically I get the impression its really wanted so badly to make nuclear warheads,and that's why the govt. is so determined to increase the nuclear power programme.

What do you think of "Spitting Image" ?

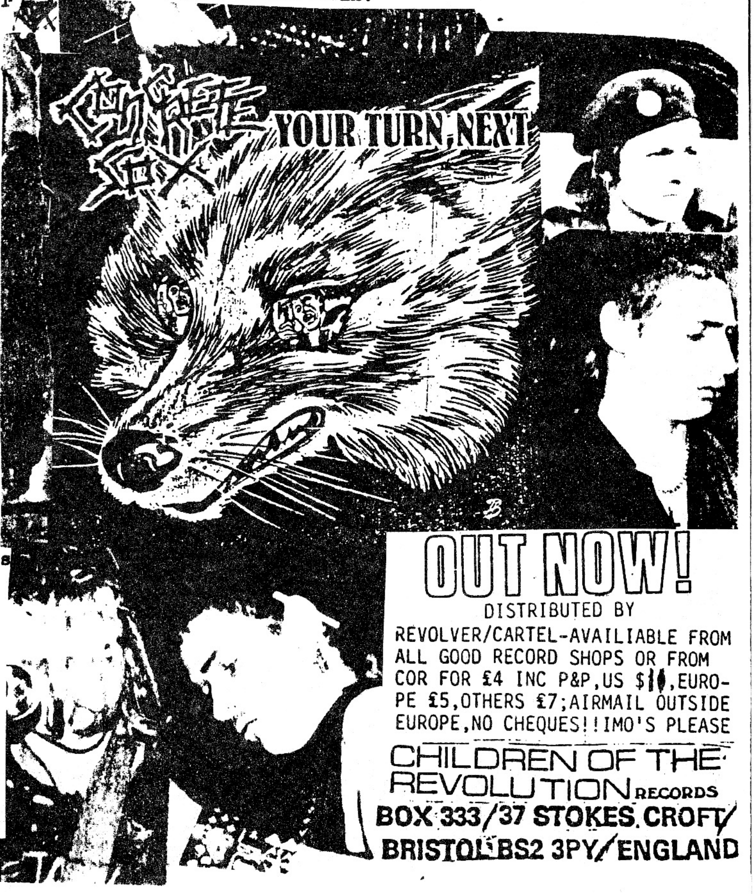
Les- I think,being the royalist I am,"Spitting Image" is in awful bad taste. I mean its disgusting,I think the commie bastards ought to be shot!

John-Best thing on T.V. by far! I'm suprised it hasn't been banned yet by the creeping arm of T.V. censorship Just great! Ronnie Reagan's puppet is incredible - watch those eyes!!!

Anything to add ?

Les- Yeah,cheers John,good interview! Love & flowers to you all! Any info,arguments & letter bombs write to this address:- LES/49 LONGCLOSE COURT/CRABTREE FARM ESTATE/BULWELL/NOTTINGHAM/NG6 8PY

John-Nothing really as I'm very tired (aww!). Thanx for your time & interest in us,hope the zine goes well etc. and take care...John.



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THE VARUKERS

(VARUKERS interview May '86)

THE VARUKERS have been around since 1979, releasing their first record in 1981, to date (May '86) they've released five 7" ep's, two 12" singles and three lp's (one Live lp). Because they've done gigs with various bands like the EXPLOITED the VARUKERS have, for some people, got a reputation as "gluebag-punx" - this isn't true. Three of the present line-up are vegetarian, they are involved in hunt sabbing, they do benefit gigs for various causes and they have firm, positive views on many issues. I've met Rat(vocals) and he's one of the nicest people you could wish to meet.

THE VARUKERS have set up their own record label which is called "Liberate Records", I'm looking forward to hearing their follow-up to the excellent "One Struggle, One Fight" LP, anyway enough of this...on with the interview, thanks to Rat for the answers.

You've had loads of line-up changes over the years and you rarely receive the recognition you deserve for being a caring band; what stops you from giving up ?

The reason we don't give up is because we enjoy what we are doing, and it gives us a chance to see other countries and meet other people; so far we've been to Holland, Germany and Belgium.

Why did you decide to start your own label ? What are your plans for future releases on it ?

We decided to start our own label because we got pissed off with getting ripped off by record companies, mind you Riot City were alright to us. Anyway its more fun doing it yourself, but alot more work. We can't really afford to release any other bands on Liberate Records, well not yet anyway. The next release on Liberate Records will be a six-track 12"ep called "Damnation Of The Species".

What influenced you to go vegetarian ? What are your views on the dairy industry ?

The reason we became vegetarian was through talking to other people and opening our eyes to the fact that you don't need to kill living creatures in order to survive, why should animals be butchered just for somebody's taste buds ? We can't really put down the whole dairy industry as it would be hypocritical of us as we drink milk and eat eggs (only free-range eggs). We are totally against animals being kept in factory farm conditions.

What would you give Prince Andrew for a wedding present ?

Fuck-all, he's got everything.

You mentioned that your "No Hope Of A Future" single was released without your knowledge by a label who were licenced by "Fight Back", is that CONFLICT's label ? Please give more details...

Yes the "No Hope Of A Future" single was licenced by CONFLICT's "Fight Back" label. You see we did three tracks for CONFLICT, one they included on "We Don't Want Your Fucking War", and the other two they put on the single - the first we knew about the record was when we saw it in our local record shop.

We don't mind that they released it, but they could pay us what royalties are due or even give us some records, we have received nothing.

What are your views on hunting and vivisection ? Do you support the A.L.F./H.S.A. ?

Our views on hunting and vivisection are that both are forms of animal abuse that must be abolished now. It is beyond me how anyone can kill an animal and call it a sport, the fox is chased for miles until it can run no more and then ripped viciously apart.

As for vivisection, how can anyone think that scalding, burning rabbit's eyes, implanting two dogs heads onto one body and cutting cat's spines could in anyway help mankind ? You tell me.

Yes we do support the A.L.F./H.S.A., in fact any organisation that has animal welfare at heart, keep up the good work!

How would you define sexism ? What are your views on it ?

Sexism comes in many forms mainly against women but sometimes against men. Being refused jobs because of a person's sex or comments made about their sex, it is all unecessary.

Who are your favourite bands ? What do you think of the "metal" phase that punk is going through ?

Our favourite bands are:- DISCHARGE, ANTISECT, CRASS, MDC, and we like some metal music like SLAYER, EXCITER and EXODUS we aren't into their "hell" lyrics but the music's good.

Alot of punks have been into metal for a long time and also metal-heads have liked punk music now the two can come together (hopefully).

Are there any good bands/zines/venues in your area ?

There is only one other punk band in our area, they're called THE DEPRAVED, they play sort of 60's psychadelic punk, they do the only local fanzine called "Paid In Full". We have about two venues locally to put gigs on, a community centre and a pub about three miles out of town. We usually travel to Coventry, the nearest city to us (about ten miles away), to see gigs.

What are your views on nuclear power ?

Nuclear power is a dangerous source of energy, difficult and dangerous to get rid of the nuclear waste, the government's answer is to dump it at sea, some safety! Let's stick to other methods much less likely to destroy the earth and mankind.

What are your views on racism ? How do you think it can be defeated ?

Obviously anybody with any intelligence would be against racism, there is good and bad in everyone, it has nothing to do with the creed or colour of a person.

I suppose the only way to defeat racism is to stand up against it, not get sucked into its vile way and deter others from being racist.

Why are your songs so short lyrically ?

No real reason why my lyrics are short, that's just the way I write them.

What is your definition of Anarchy ? Would you call yourselves Anarchists ?

Anarchy could so easily mean two things, utter chaos and violence or a peaceful co-existence, only we can decide. As regards the question are we anarchists, obviously we would like to see changes in society, a society where all men and women are equal and have equal rights, a society where racism is totally wiped out and where no more animals are being abused. Maybe this sort of society will never come about, but its worth trying.

RAT

How do you think the changes you'd like to see can be brought about ? Is the use of violence justifiable ?

I think the way changes will come about for a better society is to have a better understanding between people and we need to communicate more with each other. There are too many barriers put up in this present system, barriers which we must smash down.

We feel the use of violence is justified only for defensive purposes, only if there is no other way out.

What are your views on religion ? Do you think there is a god ?

We feel that religion is a pile of shit,it is just another way the system has of splitting us up into groups. Who gives a fuck about being either Catholic,Protestant or Jew ? Its not the religion that counts its the people. Just think all, the money that's spent on these churches,I wonder how many starving people it could save?

No we don't think there is a god neither do we think there is satan,hell or any of that shit.

Any views on the space programme ?

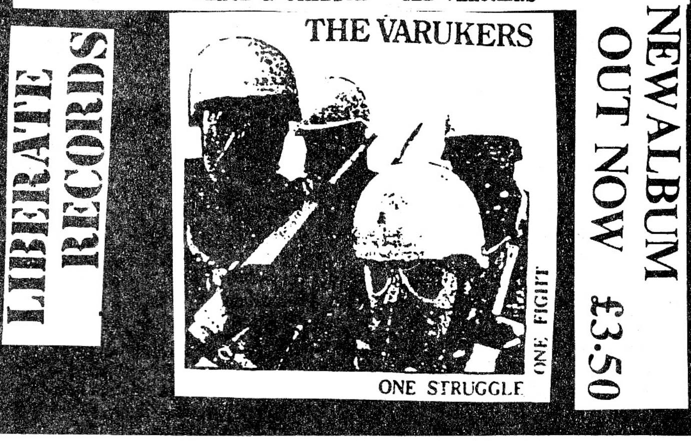
Haven't really thought about the space programme much, not as regards the space shuttle anyway. Mind you though, Reagan's "Star Wars" plans do worry me. Surely he can see it will only help to escalate the arms race,why won't the superpowers try to decrease the arms race instead of increasing it ?

Going back to the space shuttle and the latest disaster when the seven astronautd died,sure it was bad that they died but did you see how much coverage they got on the news ? You compare that to how many people are murdered in South Africa everyday and how little we get to know of those deaths. The astronauts were made out to be heroes, well lets not forget those heroes that die in Africa every day fighting for their freedom! (Well said! - John)

Anything to add ?

I would just like to thank anybody that has supported us by either turning up to our gigs or buying our records. We appreciate your support. Don't forget to buy our lp "One Struggle,One Fight",its out now - don't pay more than £3.50 for it...anyone who has problems in getting it can get it direct from us,send £3.50 (includes post and packing) to VARUKERS/30 BOSWELL GROVE/WOODLOES ESTATE/ WARWICK/WARWICKSHIRE or if you just wanna write do so.

PEACE & FREEDOM THE VARUKERS



SMASH APARTHEID !

"March Against Apartheid"...November '85...o.k. so this is late,it should have been in "REACT" 3 but there wasn't enough room.

I wasn't too sure about going on this demo,the idea of marching around a police-approved route,being shepherded by stewards etc. doesn't appeal to me but I went along anyway,its better to go on a march than to do nothing.

We got to the meeting point (Hyde Park - where else!) at about 12.20 and had to fight our way through hundreds (literally) of paper sellers, I had no idea there were so many leftie groups around,they've certainly got more papers than braincells! Ah! A decent paper; "Class War",the only 'non-left' paper I saw all day. I couldn't help wondering if the lefties were there to oppose Apartheid or cos they saw it as a good oppurtunity to sell papers.

When we first arrived there were about 30,000 people there and more were arriving all the time. There was the usual collection of Union and lefty banners and one black flag...the black flag had two people with it!

We were stood around waiting to move off when a person started speaking,telling us to get into line;stay in our own sections;telling men to get out of the women's section;telling us we mustn't march with people from other groups...ridiculous! Here we were on an anti-apartheid demo being subjected to a form of apartheid ourselves!

The speakers said their bits,I can only remember one of them;a woman from the Broadwater Farm estate in Tottenham (scene of the riots) who gave an excellent speech. The rest were largely boring and predictable, particularly a Greenham Woman who talked about equality and respect and spoke out against discrimination...what about the discrimination at the peace camp then ?

We finally got to move and started marching,well "protected" by police and stewards...every branch of Barclays was booed but they were well guarded by police and security men. We stopped off at an off-licence,it proved to be a good idea cos we joined the march again and found some others who weren't content just to march around shouting slogans (also the empty bottles and cans came in useful later on!). We were marching down a road but there were traffic-cones to keep us in one lane so that traffic could use the other...without anyone saying anything the cones were re-adjusted! We ended up taking up the whole road and a steward who obviously would've preferred to be in a nice blue uniform started telling us to get back in line...he was told to go forth and multiply (only not in that many words!)...now things were getting better. We passed parliament but due to the barriers/riot squad we got nowhere near it. We got to Downing Street just after the nice,respectable law-abiding marchers had gone past...the pigs were smiling,thinking their overtime was being earned easily...a shower of bottles,cans,fireworks,spit and abuse soon wiped the smiles off their faces,the riot squad moved in and as getting nicked solves nothing we moved along.

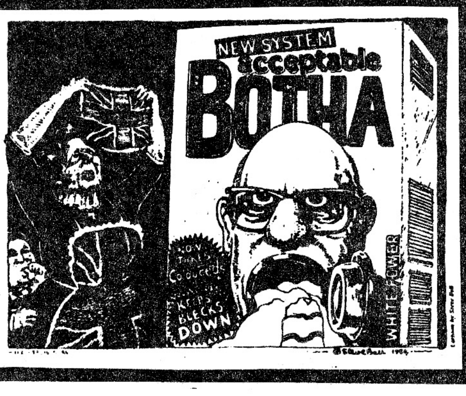
In Trafalgar Square there were thousands of people listening to more speakers,the police were there in large numbers,particularly those who were guarding the South African Embassey (I wonder who's side they're on!) Memories of "Stop The City" came back as we started to block the road,the memory was ruined by leftie paper-sellers (more of 'em!) and the lack of people willing to join in.(There were at least ten times as many people on this demo as there were on STC but nowhere near as many actavists...) The police were their usual,charming selves...hitting people and pushing them around.

Near us was a van and the people on the roof were telling us what was going on in the square. By now the demo had ended and the riot squad was baton-charging people in the square,meanwhile we,through force of numbers, had blocked the road. The police moved in and after much pushing and a couple of arrests they got one lane open. In a brilliant moment a firework went off about two inches from a pigs ear,he nearly jumped out of his skin - his face was a picture,and he couldn't find anyone to nick for it! By now the square was cleared and only 200 or so of us were left in the road trying to get at the embassey. There were several baton-charges but we forced the scum back behind their barriers. Bob Marley's "Buffalo Soldier" was given new verses;they were dedicated to "Tottenham people in the heart of North London...one petrol bomb,two petrol bomb"etc. other verses were about Brixton people,SWAPO, and unfortunately the IRA...why they get any support from anarchos is totally beyond me...they're after setting up their own oppressive regime to replace the present one,which is why the lefties like 'em so much. The song wasn't too popular with the boys in blue who tried to split us up - we retaliated with bottles;cans;sticks; traffic cones (I knew they were there for a reason!) etc. - an old bloke next to me said "Its not banners and cans you want to throw,its petrol bombs"!!!

By now there were several hundred people watching the action and they were shouting slogans etc. but that's all they did. The police had now built up a large group of riot police to protect the embassey and were getting ready to send in snatch squads. A bloke with a loud-hailer was telling us to stick together,to fill any gaps so we couldn't be separated, normally I'd hate that sort of thing but he was talking sense,the first two police charges resulted in one arrest and a few bruises on both sides, the police style of hitting out with their batons at anyone near them led to some people leaving...the gaps weren't filled and we got split up,a photographer was knocked to the floor,kicked and had his camera "confiscated" by the police,several arrests were made and attempts to rescue anyone were pointless cos the 300 or more people who were shouting "let him go" etc. refused to help,they just stood there shouting slogans. We asked for help but they just whined about doing their "own thing" so the people who were nicked stayed nicked...needlessly.

The police were now smiling,most of the people with the guts to stand up to them were nicked and all that were left were the passive sheep who were bleating about police violence/apartheid etc. but doing NOTHING. The area was soon cleared by the police,a few of them flexed their muscles and nicked a few more people but largely it went out with a whimper cos everyone was being good little boys and girls.

The "we" referred to is not a specific group...there were lefties and anarchists,blacks and whites,men and women, etc. etc. it was just a group who ended up together and took on the police. We will never change a thing if we just march and shout slogans,we need to do much,much more. The struggle has begun...its time to stand up and fight our oppressors...which side are you on ?



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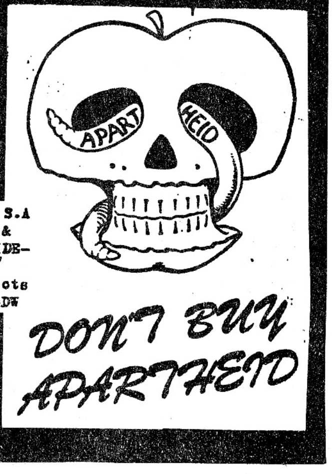

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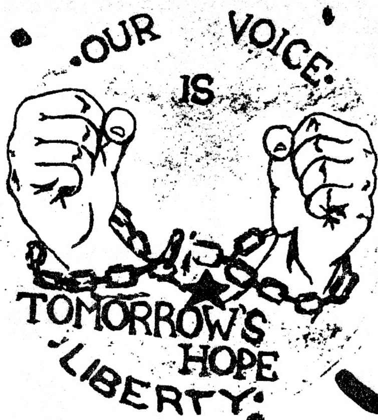

DILUTED REBELLION

(LIBERTY interview June/July '86.....
all answers by Mark.)

LIBERTY first grabbed my attention with the release of their e.p. but I didn't appreciate just how good they really were until earlier this year when they did some gigs with CONFLICT (& POTENTIAL THREAT). Not only do they have great music and lyrics but they're some of the nicest people you could meet (a view shared by many people I've spoken to). I was very disappointed to hear that LIBERTY had split...hopefully the LP will still be released - it would be a great shame if their hard work was to go to waste. I'd like to say thanks to Mark for taking the time to answer the following questions and for keeping in touch. O.K. onto the interview...

A brief history of LIBERTY please...

Formed in January 1983,Dereck-drums/Graham-bass/Mark-vocals and several guitarists. Towards 1985 LIBERTY had several line-up changes,members leaving for other committments. The final line-up being :- Mick-guitar/Richard(Oggy) - drums/Ray -bass/Steve & Mark-vocals.

LIBERTY played around 100 gigs,recorded a single in 1985 ("Our Voice Is Tomorrow's Hope") and a track for "We Don't Want Your Fucking War" also a track on "Let's Communicate" (Live at Thames Poly.). In 1986 LIBERTY recorded an LP on "Mortarhate" ("The Pedple Who Care Are Angry") which hasn't been released yet. At this time LIBERTY were questioning if we were getting across to enough people and started to question what direction we were heading in,which led to LIBERTY splitting up in disallusionment.

Are you pleased with how the ep turned out ? How's it been selling ? Any more releases lined up ?

Yes we were happy with the EP as it reflected our attitudes at that particular time with lyrics,articles and music. The EP sold around 2000 copies. We recorded "The People Who Care Are Angry" and we still feel strongly that the LP should be released as we feel we couldn't have said any more than on that record.(That question lies within CONFLICT's hands).

How did the gigs with CONFLICT come about ? What's the audience reaction to you been like ? Have you enjoyed the gigs ? What happened at Lancaster ?

LIBERTY had known CONFLICT since '81 and when our band formed we found we were becoming involved on the same levels as CONFLICT. We played several gigs together and two tours. Yes we did enjoy the gigs,the people did listen and confront-ed us on our statements always after the gigs. We met alot of really good people who were very actively involved. We found the gigs only got across to an elite punk rock audience which half of the band felt was no way good enough.

At Lancaster LIBERTY were on the door,we were told only 200 people were allowed in the hall due to fire risks,funnily enough the over the 200 mark happened to be a bunch of nazi skins and punks who demanded to come in. We confronted them and a large scale fight erupted leading to us being trampled on and the police arrived as there were around 30 of them. Neither CONFLICT or LIBERTY played and a few arrests were made and alot of good contacts were made.

P.S. If you go to Lancaster an idea would be either go with an armoured tank or don't bother.

You say you agree with the use of force to acieve change... how far would you take it; there have,for example,been reports of bombs being placed under vivisectors cars,would you condone such actions ?

We agree with taking forceful action to the full,armed struggle etc. We agree with the use of explosives,but one point to make is that you are isolating yourself from gaining larger support for your struggle.

We believe that a mixture of ideas and actions have to be used to win the struggle,literature(propaganda),media resources,unions,workers control,riots and individual direct action. A thought to be given...the IRA have one hundred percent community support in Southern Ireland,the miners strike had majority community support in the North of England;did anyone remember The Angry Brigade ? - THINK ABOUT IT. Is it worth being imprisoned on your own just because of other's apathetic attitudes ? ARE YOU THAT MUCH OF A MARTYR ?

In the past couple of years there has been a shift in the "Anarcho-Punk" movement from pacifism to a more militant, actavist stance...do you think this is a genuine response prompted by a realisation of how desparate our situation really is or could it have more to do with CONFLICT being the most popular band now whereas two years ago it was CRASS ?

The punk movement's shift towards militancy is through people being pushed and down-trodden to the limit. A point to remember is that working-class communities all over the world are being oppressed. The punk movement is a reflection of this. Something that hurts me to see is people still thinking CRASS are stagnant naive pacifists. CRASS have become involved in the militant action as they have learned from their mistakes in the past.

Would you consider LIBERTY to be a part of the "Anarcho-Punk" movement ? What are your views on today's punk scene ? Which bands do you like/respect ?

LIBERTY were part of the Anarcho-Punk movement. We felt that the punk scene had something very important to say but some of us couldn't understand why punks didn't seem to want to get across to a more varied and wide-spread audience,as if they had something valid to say they would compromise to have their voice heard in other areas.

Minor Threat,Conflict,Grand Master Flash,Style Council, MDC,Billy Bragg,Crass,AYS.

SID REST IN SHIT.
rock'n roll clown commodity rebel
punk junk

Are all of the band vegetarian ? What prompted your decision to stop eating corpses ? Some people give up meat but still continue to eat fish...what are your views on this ?

All the members are vegetarian,Steve is a vegan. Literature and bands stopped me from eating Daisy the Cow. Contradictory.

Its been said that the dairy industry,with its forced pregnancies and the separation of calves from their mothers shortly after birth (to be taken to veal crates),causes as much suffering as the meat industry and still leads to animal slaughter (male calves are of no use to the dairy industry and so go to slaughter)...any views on this ?

We have felt that dairy-free products are not readily available enough in ordinary walks of life. But we give full support to those that participate in the dairy-free protest,Steve is one of those people. Half the band see human rights as a more important issue above animal rights.

LIBERTY

What are your views on the space programme ?

The space programme is a typical example of how the world has become too advanced and is eating itself. The wealthy elite have wonderful ideas to put the men on the moon by using our taxes, by wasting money on space programmes while people are starving in the third world. Pensions and Social Benefits are below the poverty line while they spend billions on technological dreams. The space programme is irrelevant to working class people.

Can you see any significant changes during the next few years in hunting or vivisection due to the animal rights campaign ? Why, do you think, does fox-hunting cause more of an out-cry than angling ?

There is a lot of optimism in the anti-vivisection campaign because it has a lot of support from ordinary people and has gained a lot of respect. The media has helped a great deal with the animal rights movement. But the change still lies in the government hands. At this present time we need to set up our own alternative hospitals as this is possible in reality due to a large amount of scientists and people in the medical proffession are anti-vivisection. These hospitals could work through union support and financial backing by collections and health shops could give a percentage of their profits.

Fox-hunting causes more of an outcry because it is more physically violent. The blood and the screams affect humans more emotionally than the silence of a hook in a fish, there is no blood and complete silence.

What are your links with "Red Action" ? Although similar in some respects aren't Anarchism and Socialism incompatable because of socialism's reliance on control of the individual by a form of government ?

Some of the band are involved with Red Action to various degrees. We became involved because they are the only people who fight the NF on the street and are an Anarchist/Socialist group, also they win 99% of their battles.

No, Anarchism and Socialism, we feel, are compatable 'cos of the need of mass organisation, unions etc. Also we feel that radical left-wing groups are fighting for the same goal. In reality we cannot squabble over socialism and anarchy, as compromises have to be made because there are not enough anarchists to make a worthwhile change alone. People have to wake up out of their dreams and fight together with socialists. We fought together in the miners strike, Wapping and various other struggles. (The only way to win.)

Do you think recent nuclear leaks will start a backlash against nuclear power ? How would you persuade someone that nuclear power isn't needed ?

In certain countries it has started a backlash, Holland and Germany. Anti-Nuclear protests are stagnant as it is hard to directly attack, but support must be given to groups who set up peace camps and occupy bases such as Lakenheath and Greenham who are totally dedicated.

In persuading people against nuclear power...I'd give factual examples such as health and economics. Health is a good argument as it is so easy for there to be a leak which could destroy a nation. Nuclear power's most disturbing issue is that government controls the powers to kill an entire nation (THEIR FINGERS ON THE BUTTON - OUR LIVES ON THE LINE).

How do you see the situation in South Africa developing over the next few years ? How can we help oppose apartheid ?

The situation in South Africa I believe will become more and more oppressive as time goes on. I can see leaders and other groups making deals with Botha which will eventually sell the people down the line. White fascism will try to create a civil war between the black communities as it will take work off their hands if black destroys black (townships, tribal conflicts etc.) The future will hold ANC militants becoming very strong in IRA type actions as this seems the only way to win (direct action when backs are turned). We can oppose apartheid by boycotting products, raise money for ANC in South Africa, also we must combat all forms of racism in Britain.

(Note:- ANC has always stood for equality not black power)

What did you think of Reagan's attack on Libya and Thatcher's agreement on the use of U.K. bases ?

The two countries, Libya and the U.S.A., had aggression for each other for years. America has to be blamed for bombing towns and the use of power to intimidate with no verbal warnings/discussion with Gadaffi. Thatcher and Britain are running alongside America, people must realise that this country is being sucked in by Mickey Mouse and Coca-Cola (Capitalism). Thatcher will and has supported all America's actions e.g. the U.S. bases being built in this country, their use in the bombing of Libya... We must free Britain from American pressure, their bases should never have been here.

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We are gonna stop all forms of abuse, but not by giving peace signs we're gonna use force, we won't stand back and let it happen it's gone on far too long we've got to stand together and prove those murdering bastards wrong.

Liberty.

THERE IS AN ENEMY
AND A FENCE THAT DIVIDES
WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

LIBERTY

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This is a message of sympathy for all drug takers:
FUCK OFF AND DIE YOU JUNKIE BASTARDS
You waste time, get in the way, abuse life, and have no concern for other's feelings. Just crying for yourself. The only thing you're capable of is running away and escaping reality. We don't need you and have no time for you. Your heart may be in the right place, but your head is up your arse. Why don't you go for a trip over a cliff edge?
CHEERS.LIBERTY.

CUT THE DRUGS OUT*START LIVING*START FIGHTING*
START LOVING

I notice from an article on the EP sleeve that you have no sympathy for drug-users, could you explain why ? What are your views on the use of alcohol and tobacco (both are drugs and both cause many thousands of deaths every year) ?

We believe that as time ticks away and oppression gets stronger we need more numbers to fight together(unity). So we blame people who escape and cop out as they make it harder for people who are struggling. People must forget all arty-farty sympathetic arguments - drop them now, like junkies must be dropped, they cause communities problems - families and friends - and are totally apathetic towards political struggles because they help to uphold capitalism as they sell and buy for businessmen. Business that sells death. In the past LIBERTY have tried to help junkies and have failed. We feel they should be given help from their community, if they don't take help they should be isolated and treated as social lepers and attacked. People usually whine about drug-pushers but remember someone can't sell if someone don't buy. Junk dealers should be the first attack to try to cut people's supply off.

LIBERTY feel alcohol and smoking are both drugs but still feel it is ridiculous to compare dope and drink to hard drugs, but it is true that the need to escape should be found answers for.

I've noticed an increase in activity by right-wing groups in my area, have you seen an increase in your area ? What can be done to stop the spread of racist filth ? How do you deal with morons who seig-heil at gigs ?

Dartford and East London where the group are housed are very right-wing controlled areas. Tories and NF go hand-in-hand, it has been found in a lot of areas that the Tories are very sympathetic towards facist groups. The way to combat nazi groups attacking the community and holding meetings, is to hold meetings, publically or otherwise, with groups such as Red Action, Anti-Facist Action and Class War who are experienced in dealing with NF on the street. These such groups will give advice and support to all communities in this way. The end result in destroying fascism is to join other communities who've been oppressed in the same way. An example being A.F.A. who have suceeded in uniting in force very large numbers of anti-nazis from communities such as Toxteth, Brixton, Newham, Handsworth and Southall. These people mentioned have stopped the NF in hundreds of incidents by physical violence in pubs, clubs, gigs, meetings and street marches. Red Action deserve 100% support as they have laid themselves in the line to help others against racial attacks.

Searchlight is the best anti-nazi magazine in the world and its worth supporting. When LIBERTY were gigging the only way we saw fit was to attack the NF at gigs. (it can be done) (Red Action...P.O. BOX 158, Hatfield, Herts.)

What would LIBERTY have liked to have given Prince Andrew for his wedding present ?

LIBERTY would like to have given Andrew a cup of herbal tea and sit and have a chat about life in the 1980's with him and to thank him for spending our taxes on royal honey-moons. Cheers, best of luck Andy - "Loyalist bastard!"

.MASTERS MAKE DOGS BEG FOR THEIR BONES.

The teacher wipes the smile off the child's face at school; made to learn: "Speak when you're spoken to. Never break or question set rules!" Forced to obey-forced to keep silent. The worker slaves in shit-the boss eats gold. MASTERS MAKE DOGS BEG FOR THEIR BONES. The unemployed scrape to make ends meet, but they never do. The patient is locked up in an asylum, force-fed medication/force-fed rules. Handicapped people are denied the right to be individuals, their lives are replaced by mere existence. The government and its upholders sit laughing while we keep passive and live with passive hopes and dreams. Our lives are bought and sold. You're used to be controlled by the master. We're all slaves to the same system that makes us victims of their plans of action-tools for their trade.
LIBERTY

THEIR FINGER'S ON THE BUTTON/OUR LIVES ON THE LINE.

WE HAVE THE REAL POWER, CHANGE IS IN OUR HANDS!

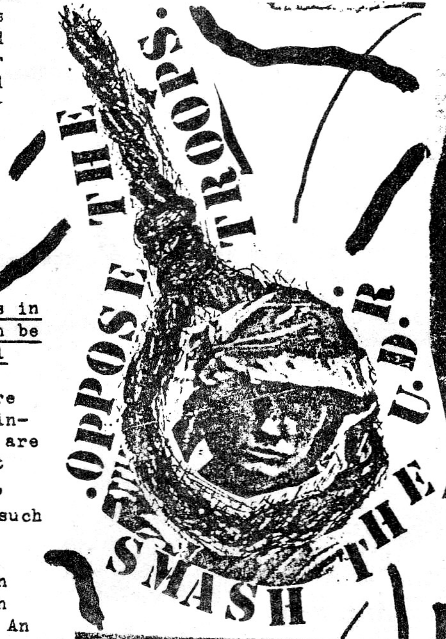
Northern Ireland is a training ground for troops and other government dogsbodies from Britain, and now the tactics of oppression are being used here, an example being the miners' strike. We all knew it was happening, now it's time to do something about it. Singing songs won't stop us being beaten down by coppers. Wearing badges and waving banners won't stop the puppets of the authority turning up in force at our demonstrations.

The bastards above are watching us watching them. They keep a close eye on every move we make. The easily spotted black flags are their target, the mouthy yobs who play at overthrowing the state and are always up at the front. It's time we stopped playing at overthrowing the state and improved our resistance, acting directly and indirectly against anything that slows down our aims. We must put new ideas together: unity is the way to win this struggle; we will get nowhere on our own. We need co-operation and organization from each other.

We have the strength, if we unite to work as one, to take the power from the government's hands and live together with love instead of hatred and pain. Freedom does not come to you on a plate. We've been locked in their tower for too long, it's about time we released our chains and broke free. We've been shouting for far too long, now we must put our words into effect and make a stand to really change the situations in which we find ourselves.

Hopes of the past will become realities for today and our children will never have to be afraid of the dark. IGNORE THE PROBLEM AND IT WON'T GO AWAY. REMAIN SILENT AND DIG YOUR OWN GRAVE.

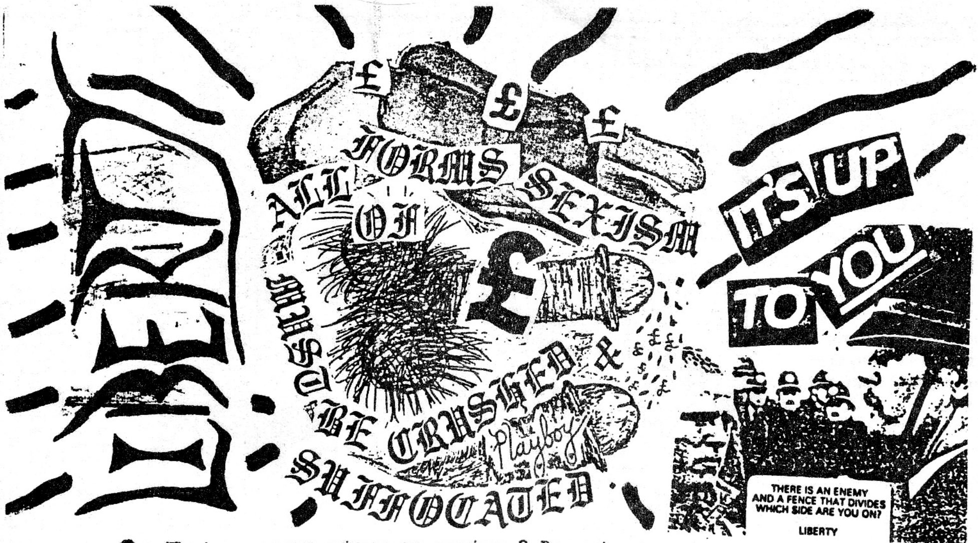
LIBERTY.


.OPPOSE THE TROOPS.
SMASH THE U.D.R.

LIBERTY

On the EP sleeve you mention that handicapped people are denied the right to be individuals, could you go into this in more detail please, and suggest a solution ?

Mark works on a project (N.H.S.) which closes mental institutions and moves physically and mentally handicapped people into ordinary housing. People with disabilities are isolated and must not be as they have reactions and emotions and must be treated as equal. It stems from school when you never see handicapped kids, so the isolation begins. It is happening and must happen that people with mental and physical disabilities have ordinary friends and relationships, normal jobs and housing, equality must reign supreme.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IT'S UP TO YOU
THERE IS AN ENEMY AND A FENCE THAT DIVIDES WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?
LIBERTY

What are your views on sexism ? Recent years have seen large increases in the number of reported rapes and sex attacks;what can be done to stop such crimes ? What do you think should be done with rapists ?

Our views on sexism are we blame men for creating it, women for playing the part and people who buy it. Community groups must be formed now to create links with women in your town and control it. This way when your community group grows you can hold public meetings and face local problems such as "phone trees" for women alone in their homes,more street lighting,graffiti and propaganda, disruption of local sexist advertising. Forms of weapons for women to carry which are made acceptable like anti-rape sprays which should be readily available to all women. Class War have set up many various sucessful community groups for various local problems also public meetings,I have been involved in these meetings and they are excellent. If you want info on setting up groups Class War will give support and will turn up to help.

A community should deal with a rapist as they feel fit. I feel at first,depending on the degree of sexual assault, psychological treatment and isolation with constant individual monitoring. To an extreme degree of assault -death penalty.

(Class War,contact:- P.O. BOX 467/LONDON E5 8BE)

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Peeping tom street crawler,
Sexual abusers,rapists,
Your time has now worn thin,
Justice will be taken in our own hands,
Don't dare walk our streets again,
Sexism must be crushed and suffocated,
Minds will be re-educated,
One way or another.

Prostitution is a crime to life,
Don't be raped by the system,
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Another porn in the game,
Sweet,docile and passive,
As soceity broke her heart in two,
They taught her like they bought her.

Don't put yourself up for sale!.

ANYTHING TO ADD ?

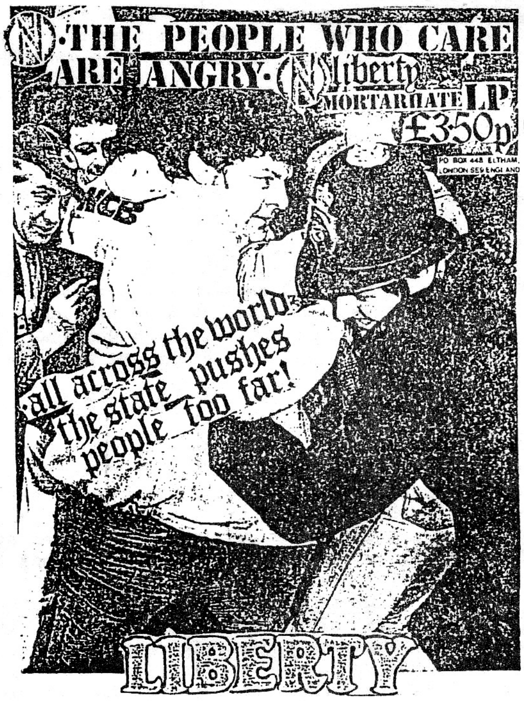
LIBERTY would like to thank John for being a genuine mate and giving his support. Thanx to all who have helped and listned to LIBERTY you know who you are.

We have decided to split and to go in different areas to spread the message and get more involved with more actions and build new contacts and relationships - cheers.

Its up to you to remember what we said. We just felt we were playing stagnant. LIBERTY were just another band.

IT'S STILL UP TO ME AND YOU. STILL UNITING TO WORK AS ONE.
LOVE,MARK LIBERTY.

(I think it's a great shame that LIBERTY split,they'll be sorely missed. In my opinion they were one of the best bands around...here's hoping the LP gets released - I'm sure it'll be a classic. I'd like to take this chance to wish Mark,Mick,Steve,Ray and Oggi the best of luck in the future...never give up! Cheers lads! - John)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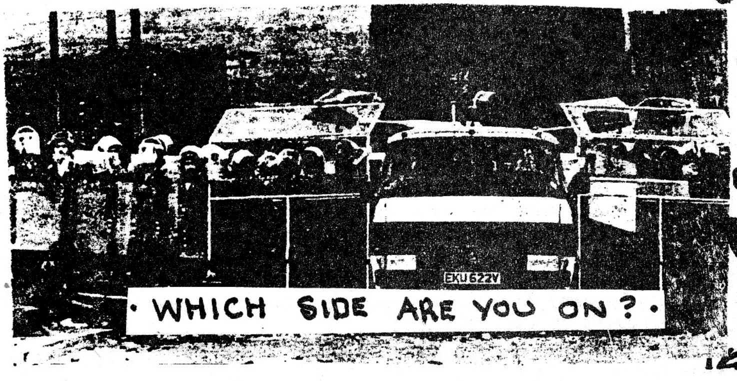

AND A FENCE THAT DIVIDES,

THERE IS AN ENEMY
WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON ?
LIBERTY

Statement!

FANCY A PINK GIN OLE CHAP?

(STATEMENT interview April '86)

STATEMENT is a one-man-band and the "one man" in this case is Rat who when he's not playing drums for MUTED EXISTENCE or doing his zine (also called "Statement") or 'sabbing,releases demos on which he plays all the instruments...phew! Are you hyper-active or something mate ? I'd just like to say ta to Rat for keeping in touch over the past couple of years and tell you that the STATEMENT demos are well worth getting.(see end of interview for details.)

What was the reason for forming STATEMENT ? What instruments do you play ? How long have you been playing them ?

I bought a 4-track recorder,recorded a few songs and decided to release a demo and came up with STATEMENT. I try to play drums,guitar & bass and I do have a go at shouting! I've been playing guitar for about 4 years(with bass only for a few months in the first year),about 2 years on drums, and only just recently I've bought a bass and I'm trying to play it somewhat properly!

Your tapes display a variety of styles,has anyone influenced your music ?

The first demo I didn't have time to think of what sort of music to do I just did it,so I suppose the 1st demo is the original STATEMENT. The 2nd demo,which is a joint demo with MUTED EXISTENCE,was/is thrash/metal (sorry to have to class it as anything!) where no particular band influenced me. On the 3rd demo THE APOSTLES were a big influence on me musically as I went up to do some recording with them. You see a good thing about being a solo band I can record whenever I want and whatever I want. All 3 demos are different types/styles of music,a 4-piece band etc. doesn't change its style of music as much as STATEMENT does. (oh,and I'm not grinding down 4-piece bands as I'm in a 5-piece band!)

What was the reason for you going vegan ?

The main reason for me going vegan was cow's milk. With milk,although not directly,a killing does take place. The cow is constantly made pregnant to produce milk,some of the calves are kept to grow and mate but the majority get slaughtered for veal.

What are your views on sexism ?

Sexism I think means different things to different people. Some think of it as pornography and others as the way women are treated in general. I believe it to be both. Sexism to me is the way women are treated by men(or society) as in marriage for example. Marriage in 99% of cases is a very sexist thing although to some people its not so obvious but its not only with marriage its with the average female/male relationships boyfriend and girlfriend routine. He's MY boyfriend,she's MY girlfriend,bollox! If the couple have the trust in each other which they should have then smash down the gates of BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND. Men and women are the same (bollox to the females or males who say they are better than the opposite sex,that's just putting up another gate that needs to be smashed down.)

Men or women(women or men) who indulge in pornography or Private Shops (same thing really!) have obviously got no respect for the opposite sex,just selfishness. "Shall we send that nude photo of Joe(fuckin')Bloggs to the sun ?" (Apologies to anyone whom,like me, hates the words 'the sun'). "See if he likes it". Would he ??

Fe/male there's hardly any difference in the spelling and none in actual intelligence,lets not make it worse!

Could you tell us what's involved in Hunt Saboteuring and also mention any particular incidents that have occured which you think are worth telling...

Hunt Saboteuring is a good active action against animal abuse(all the A's!),its a really positive action. The basic idea is to distract the hounds from the scent of a fox. Although all our anger is pointing towards the bastards on the horses our action is towards the hounds...and for Princess-fuckin'-Anne;we don't kick the dogs and spray anti-mate in the horses eyes,that would be defeating the object!

The last sab I went on,me and Gaz(MUTED EXISTENCE's bassist)were in the Swindon Sab's van(a van borrowed from a charity) when a red coat put his whip through the windscreen and the farmers or heavies(whatever they are) tried dragging us out to beat us up,luckily they didn't suceed which was just as well 'cos there were twice as many of them as there of us. Are we being too passive towards these heavies ???

What are your opinions on drugs,alcohol and smoking ?

I'm not trying to say I'm perfect but I don't indulge in any of these. To me they're all the same,forms of numbing the brain(apart from tobacco). The media and society use these things to numb people's minds so they relax and simmer down(forget the reality!)

MUTED EXISTENCE did a gig in Swindon(March 22nd) and there was a bit of trouble from Wattie-Punx "Ya know real punx",Wattie(not the real one,what do I mean "real one" he's not real!) punched one chappy a few times and one of MUTED EXISTENCE walked over to calm things down and got hit. To cut a long story short it was all brought about by alcohol and possibly drugs,although its not totally blamed on that 'cos some people get drunk and stoned and don't act violent.

You've been critical of Punk,what do you dislike about it ?

I used to be a plastic punk,but not to the full extent. As FLUX say the media says punx fight,sniff glue,take drugs, get pissed - so they do it! The whole incident (at the gig, see answer to previous question) started when somebody said "Punk is dead",at which the Watties got annoyed although they are the reason punk is dead!(Apologies to anybody who is genuine and has got a mohican,John ?) If they are punx then I wish punk was dead!! We don't need the label "Punk"!!

What would you like to see changed in the world ? How do think those changes could be brought about ?

I think the one word that sums everything up is equality. For animals,blacks,gays,vegetarians,starving people,oppressed people AND THAT DOES MEAN YOU. Have you seen the new police bill ? Its fuckin' terrible,it will be a muted existence! As Gaz said,"soon they will make laughing illegal"!

Change can only be brought about by people opening their minds,thinking deeper. My dad once told me I think too much! Its not a crime to think (not yet anyway-John) so fucking do it!!! We all need to unite,respect each other and work together.

At the gig we tried telling one of the "Punx" about thinking,I thought he was listening until he said "It don't matter anyway"!! APATHETIC ANARCHISTS ? No,they're not Anarchists anyway are they ?

What are your views on Anarchy ?

That's a hard one as I'm not an Anarchist. What do people see as an Anarchist ? It means different things to different people. I can't actually visualise Anarchy,as I see it, in Britain. If the Anarchists were given an island to live on by themselves that would be Anarchy and would be good,altho' I don't quite know if I'd go.

Do you find it difficult to play in MUTED EXISTENCE,do a zine and release tapes as STATEMENT ?

MUTED EXISTENCE practice Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons. I can record STATEMENT stuff whenever I feel like it,as for my zine No.2 is coming along very,very slowly. Hopefully it should be out by June/July as after that MUTED EXISTENCE are going to be putting one together so I won't bother with my own anymore...and after all that I've still got time to watch the news at ten!?

What did you think of THE APOSTLES when you worked with them ?

There were alot of rumours around about THE APOSTLES,and when you hear a rumour you've always got this doubt whether its true or not,and as the rumours were put they were wrong! Andy and Dave are really nice people. They're clever knowledge wise as well as being good on their instruments and brilliant artists,look at their "Punk Obituary" L.P.

My 3rd demo sounds quite APOSTLES-orientated so I must have thought quite a bit of them.

In the '86 budget it was announced that our wonderful queen will now get over £4,000,000 per year - what are your views on our lovely monarchy ?

The monarchy is a fuckin' farce! Who gives two shits about them ? Only well fooled people. People say the monarchy bring money into the country through tourism etc. but who's paying their wages ? Us.Who gets the tourism money ? Big companies who mass-produce absolutely lovely mugs with the royal family on. Besides the royal family go hunting so they can't be very nice people can they ? And,oh yeah they can't even speak properly!!!

Anything to add ?

Yeah, IT DOES FUCKIN' MATTER! IF YOU'VE GOT ANYTHING TO SAY, THEN SAY IT!!! People are still dieing all over the world, people are still homeless all over the world, animals are still being slaughtered all over the wcrld and people are still being oppressed all over the world...oh, sorry - must dash "Coronation Street" has just started...besides "IT DON'T MATTER ANYWAY...DO IT ??"

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MUTED : EXISTENCE

(MUTED EXISTENCE interview APR'86)

Yeah, you guessed it! A brief history of the band please

Yeah I did! Well we started in Easter '85 with three of us (Gaz, Al & Rat) and did one gig with this line-up. Then Beck and Dave joined and its been us five ever since.

With the royal wedding in the news what would you like to give the happy couple for a present ?

We can't understand people who fall for royalty. You're expected to praise them etc., but why? What the fuck have they done ?? You don't get praised for ensuring your gran has enough food to survive the winter. Its a farce, just something else people are suppossed to look up to, to make them feel small. Did "Class War" have anything to do with the fire at Hampton Palace/Court ????

What are your views on racism ?

Racism is just another thing of people judging other people by their appearance not their personality. It takes a selfish and narrow-minded person to condemn another just because of the colour of their skin, but nowadays this small percentage of racist shitheads is getting even smaller.

How would you define sexism ? What are your views on it ?

Sexism is the "looking down on" one sex by the other and is a form of social oppression. Sexism has nothing to do with "fancying" the opposite sex but it is to do with attitudes towards the opposite sex. Nearly always it is the "butch" man shiting on the "meek and feeble" woman. We believe all sexism is wrong because we're all equals and should treat each other that way, but sexism is deep in the roots of our society (i.e. roles in marriage) and so most people are going to have to do alot of changing before they can call themselves "non-sexist".

Do you have any particular "political" views ?

We all hate politics, politicians and the oppression and inequality it is involved in.

What are your views on nuclear power and pollution in general ?

As you can see from the recent radiation leaks, the trail of accidents (many of which could have been fatal) and the general inefficiency of nuclear power it is at best dangerous to the workers and locals, at worst it will make the whole world a radioactive wasteland - as well as dumping radioactive waste (some of which stays radioactive for thousands of years) nuclear weapons are made from the same earth-fucking projects.

We believe "alternative" forms of energy-making should be invested in (like using the sun's energy and Hydro-Electric Power) - these sources of energy produce no pollution and work out much cheaper in the long run.

The emitting of pollution into the atmosphere shows a general disregard for the earth we're living on by greedy people who will do anything to make a fat profit. It is very frightening if you think that the rain that falls now is mildly acidic and its getting worse.

Are any of you vegetarian/vegan ? What was your reason for giving up meat ?

Two of us are vegan, two are vegetarian and one is on the vegetarian/meat-eating "border-line". Our reason for giving up meat was the realisation that an animal is a life and man has no right to take that life for his own greed.

What are your views on "Class War" ?

"Class War" is just another part of the Anarchist/freedom movement so it would be wrong to slag them off. We understand their views and actions and we also understand the views and actions of the more peaceful side of the movement - when we stop slagging each other off and join together that's when things will begin to change.

Who are your favourite bands at the moment ?

We will listen to any band who has something to say - we have no real "favourites".

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What are your views on vivisection; do you think it can ever be justified ? What are your view on the A.L.F. ?

If you see the pictures and "write-ups" of experiments on animals you'll realise this barbarity in orgies of suffering and agony in laboratories can never be justified. Man has no right whatsoever to inflict this misery and suffering on fellow, living creatures whatever the reason.

We fully support the views and actions of the A.L.F.

What are your views on religion ?

We all basically think that "we" think there could be a god but religion is pathetic. The way it says you shouldn't do this and that, what does it matter as long as you believe in god yourself ? That's all that matters. Religion is so hypocritical. The bible preaches friendship to fellow humans etc. but society is full of hatred yet the church doesn't try to help stop it. Look at all the wars in the world...religious wars ???

A Jehova's Witness I once spoke to said that (in their eyes) animals were put onto the ark to be eaten in times of crisis, such as the great flood. So why do religious people still eat meat ? Religion is another division in this world, the more divisions/barriers we break down the better our chances and the stronger our hope is going to be!

What are your views on the space programme ? Do you think there's life on other planets ?

It would be very nice to know if other life-forms do exist on other planets (although we all believe they do, its a selfish attitude to say that we're the only ones) but our own world is in such a mess, lets correct ours before we destroy someone/something else!! (that's what'll happen I expect, they'll have something that we want (not need) and we'll fight them for it! Let's sort out our world first.

Any tapes/vinyl available ?

We've done one demo which is a split one with STATEMENT. It has a double-sided A4 cover with an A5 lyric booklet. Now that we've released that one we're trying to do another. No vinyl available, tho' next time we're asked that hopefully the answer will be "yes".

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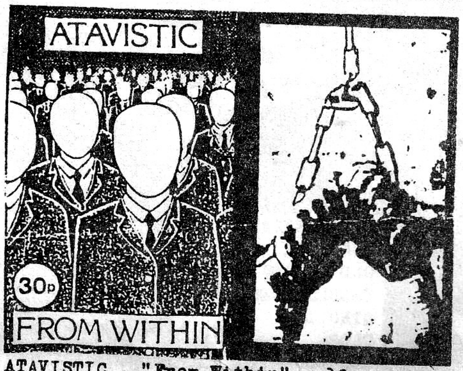

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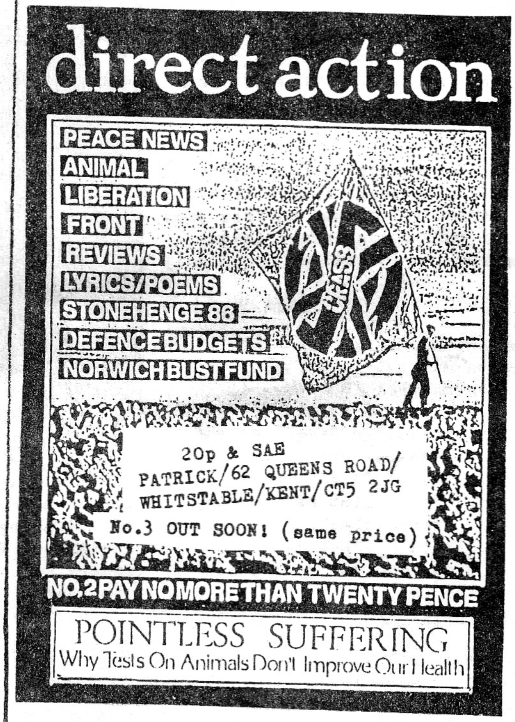

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